

WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and vicinity—Fairly and south-
erly breeze, mostly cloudy and mild, with
occasional rain.
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cloudy and mild, with rain or sleet.

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HIS ACTION MAY PROVIDE A SEAT FOR MR. MEIGHEN

Grenville's Representation Is Left Open by Mem-
ber-Elect Accepting Salaried Position Under
Crown—Writs Are Issued Calling for Election
on January 26—Majority Was Large.

HON. T. A. CRERAR WILL NOT JOIN
CABINET OF HON. MACKENZIE KING

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The political event of the day is that the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, present Prime Minister, plans to remain in public life. Following a meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon, writs were issued for a by-election in Grenville County, Ontario, January 26. The vacancy occurred owing to A. Casselman, Conservative member-elect, having accepted a salaried office under the crown. No official announcement is made of the nature of the office to which Mr. Casselman has been appointed, but it is understood to be a minor position in one of the public departments. Carrying with it a salary, however, it disqualifies Mr. Casselman from sitting in Parliament, and the seat automatically becomes vacant. When nominations are received for the district, the intention, it is stated, is to nominate Mr. Meighen in the Conservative interest with a view to his leading the Conservative opposition next session.

BRING PRESSURE TO HELP TREATY

Communities in Ireland—Pre-
pare to Work for Ratifica-
tion During Coming Week—
Outrages in Ulster

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—Today was re-
garded in Southern and Western
Ireland as the beginning of "truce
week," which is to be devoted to
bringing public pressure to bear in
favor of the ratification of the peace
treaty. An extensively signed petition
from all classes of his constituents
has been sent to Dr. Patrick Mc-
Cartan, former representative of the
Dail Eireann in the United States,
imploping him to actively support the
treaty, instead, as he has announced,
of merely abstaining from voting
either for or against.

The Irish Horsebreeders' Associa-
tion at the Leopardstown races today
adopted a resolution, which was
passed by the principal members of the
Dail, strongly supporting ratification
of the treaty. The resolution says
that under the new regime horse-
breeding in Ireland will become a
much more important industry and
open new avenues for employment.

BELFAST, Dec. 27.—One man was
killed and several wounded in a clash
between a constabulary patrol and a
number of men in the Marrowbone
area today.

The constables challenged the men,
who were acting suspiciously, where-
upon one of them opened fire,
wounding a policeman. A running
fight followed in which the sniper
was killed.

Word was received today that
armed raiders attacked Bernard Gib-
bons at his farmhouse in County
Down, killing a laborer and wounding
Gibbons. The raiders fled, but
five subsequently were arrested and
one died of injuries.

ROTARIANS NEED FINAL HUNDREDS

Christmas Fund Within Reach
of Goal—Only \$600 Need-
ed—Christmas Tree Today
at Pantages

With only six hundred dollars more
needed to bring the Rotary Club's
Christmas Fund to the \$10,000 asked
for the committee decided to hold it
open till tonight so as to give every-
body the opportunity of adding their
share to the total. Last night the
fund stood at \$9,400.15, and the Ro-
tary Club asks that the people of Vic-
toria put it over the top before the
day is over. Already \$8,497 in scrip
has been distributed, and many fami-
lies have been provided with food and
clothing. There are yet many who
need help, however, and the six
hundred asked for today is badly
needed to enable the committee to
care for stragglers.

Money is also needed for the Christ-
mas tree which will be held at the
Pantages Theatre today, when Santa
Claus will make his appearance draw-
ing a real chimney. This will be the only
Christmas celebration that 1,000 poor
children will have in Victoria this
year, and the Rotarians want to make
it a real good time for these kiddies.

Manager Jamieson has lent the
Pantages Theatre free of cost for the
occasion, and Manager E. Clark of
the Variety Theatre is lending a
comedy film to be shown for the en-
tertainment of the big audience of
children.

Members of the committee who
distributed the Rotarians fund worked
hard all week-end seeing to the sup-
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WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING HERE

The Bank of Montreal will
erect a new main office build-
ing in Victoria. Construction is
expected to commence early in
the Spring.

Although the plans are not
ready for publication, it is un-
derstood that the building
when completed will be the
most imposing bank edifice
on the Coast, and probably the
largest in Victoria. The bank
owns property to the rear of
the present structure at the
corner of Bastion and Govern-
ment Streets, running through
to Langley Street, and most of
this area will be laid out for the
new building, which will be of
single story type, and the de-
sign will incorporate many
features characteristic of the
home office in Montreal.

ERROR IN HOSPITAL GIVES FAMILY GRIEF

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—An attend-
ant in a Brooklyn hospital picked up
a number plate that had fallen to the
floor and placed it on the wrong bed.

The occupant of the bed died, and
James Crowder, a painter, was in-
formed that his father had passed
away.

Crowder bought floral pieces and a
casket and rented carriages for a
funeral, and expected a sad Christ-
mas.

His sister was the first of those to
come by the side of the funeral ser-
vice. She fainted, and in a moment
Crowder discovered the dead man
was not his father.

A telephone call quickly brought
the news that the father was still
alive. Today he was recovered, and
back home with his children.

SAATCHI INQUIRY WITHOUT RESULTS

Council Sits as Investigation
Committee on Works De-
partment—Written Com-
plaints Few and Minor

After hearing considerable general
criticism and receiving, in writing as
required, only two minor complaints,
the Municipal Council, sitting last evening
in the Town Hall, adjourned with a com-
mittee of investigation into any
charges against the Works Depart-
ment, adjourned, and the ratifiers
of the resolution, which was passed
by their own and discussed sundry municipal
matters.

At the opening of the investigation
Committee, the resolution was read,
which was as follows: "That in
view of criticism against the Works
Department, a committee be appointed
to investigate any complaints that
may be brought forward in writing."

Mr. George Hornsby read a lengthy
statement containing acrid criticism
of the Council. It was addressed to
no one, and concluded, "Disrespect-
fully and disgustfully." Reeve Watson
claimed that the document was
not his, and that it was a forgery.
He said that the document was
sent to the Council, and for the latter
reason ruled it out.

Reeve Watson pointed out that the
document was being held owing to cer-
tain instructions being given to the
Road Superintendent Gilling, Council-
or Kingwell protested that the
Reeve was putting an interpretation
upon the resolution of the Council
different from that intended. Coun-
cillor Horner, he said, had asked for
an investigation and said that he had
certain charges to make against Mr.
Gilling.

The question of what powers the
Council had regarding the cleaning
out and opening of ditches was dis-
cussed by Reeve Watson and Mr.
Jorjney. The drainage problem was
the one most discussed during the
sitting.

After the Council meeting had been
adjourned, Mr. Ernest Orr, candidate
for councillor in Ward Seven, was put
in the chair and some city ratifiers
discussed a variety of subjects in
haphazard fashion. Two resolutions
were passed. One arose out of a com-
plaint about municipal cars being
used for private business, and stated
that the resolution of the Council
putting of coats-of-arms on the sides
of the municipal vehicles. The first
idea was to have the resolution apply
only to the passenger motor cars, but
when Mr. Tom Dooley sarcastically
added a rider that "mud-wagons" also
be adorned, the meeting solemnly
adopted his suggestion.

A second resolution asked that
Council meetings be held alternately
at Royal Oak and Toimie School for
the convenience of the people of the
inner wards.

Mr. Robert Macnicol, councillor
candidate in Ward Two, spoke, and
both he and Mr. Orr, another candi-
date for office, were asked numerous
questions as to what they would do
if they got into the Council.

ANTI-LIQUOR MOVE IS MADE IN MANITOBA

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—Calling upon
the Provincial Legislature to con-
quer the present liquor legislation in
force, for a period of at least three
years, in order to give it an effective
test before the people of the Province
are asked to vote on an alternative
measure, a petition is being circulated
throughout Manitoba by several re-
ligious bodies opposing proposals of
the Moderation League for Govern-
ment liquor dispensaries.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—With hun-
dreds of persons passing at the time,
two armed men today entered a down-
town jewelry store and escaped with
\$100 cash and jewelry worth \$5,000.

CALLS POWERS TO CONFERENCE

Premier Briand Invites Repre-
sentatives from Britain,
U.S., Italy, Japan and Bel-
gium to Meeting at Cannes

WIDER GATHERING
TO BE PROPOSED

London Times Offers Unfavor-
able Comments on Supposed
Plan of Opening Relations
With Soviet Russia

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Premier Briand has
invited the British, United States,
Italian, Japan and Belgian Govern-
ments to be represented at the interna-
tional financial and economic conference
to be held at Cannes, January 16. The
programme will include questions of
reparations and the calling of an interna-
tional conference.

London Times Is Dubious
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Evidence has been
accumulated of the British
Government's desire to open relations
with Russia. The London Times con-
firms the reports of December 20, that
Premier Lloyd George has suggested a
five-power conference, which repre-
sentatives of Russia and of Germany
would be invited to attend, early in
January. It says, however, that the
conference will not meet until the end
of February, at which time it is ex-
pected M. Tchitcherine, the Russian
Foreign Minister, and M. Litvinoff,
will have visited London and by their
answers to certain questions will
have prepared the way for the presence
of Soviet representatives at the con-
ference of the abortive Prinkipo conference
of 1919.

The meeting of British and French
business men, which is taking place in
Paris during the current week, it is
believed, will lead to a formal and
certain broad principles. These will
be submitted to the Supreme Council at
Cannes as a basis for the re-establish-
ment of an European financial and eco-
nomic conference for the economic and industrial
reconstruction of Europe.

To Hold Conference
For the furtherance of this scheme,
the Supreme Council will, says the
Times, arrange to hold an European
economic conference, in which Ger-
many and Russia may be invited, as
well as the United States and Japan.

The object is to find means for re-
storing in Europe the financial and
economic, extending credit and encour-
aging production in the devastated
countries.

The Times, commenting on the
scope of the present grandiose pro-
ject, makes it plain that its chief
object is to provide capital for a
country which, it says, Bolshevism
has ruined. "We believe," the paper
adds, "the country will look some-
thing like Limay on this gigantic
scheme."

WRONG VERSION MAKES TROUBLE

Incident in Which Premier
Briand and Senator Schan-
zer Figured Is Cleared Up
by Correct Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The
story of just what occurred in the
meeting of the committee of the arms
conference which with closed doors
was hearing Premier Briand's state-
ment regarding the French position
on the subject of land armament, be-
came apparent from an authoritative
source. It was the erroneous account
of this incident, called to Europe by a
European special writer that led to
fatal riots in Italy.

According to this version, Mr. Bal-
four had brought up the subject of
land armament reduction. Senator
Schanzer, speaking for Italy, had
given the Balfour proposition earnest
support, in principle, at least.

Then M. Briand opposed the propo-
sition. As he progressed, he showed
a great deal of heat, and emphasized
his statements with strong gestures.
But, according to the story, it was
noted that M. Briand was turning to
Senator Schanzer, whom he seemed
to single out as the object of his ad-
dress. This finally became so marked
that the dispatch said:

"M. Briand, what you say to me
you should say to Mr. Balfour instead,
because it was he that made the propo-
sition for the reduction of land arma-
ment."

It is positively stated that from
this slight incident grew the legend
that M. Briand might have said to
Senator Schanzer:

ICE JAM THREATENS FRASER RIVER FLOOD

GUICHON, B.C., Dec. 27.—Floods
caused by an ice jam threaten the
bridges which communicate with
Westham Island, on the Fraser River,
near here.

The ice is piled high in an arm of
the Fraser known as Canoe Pass, and
the water is backing up. A watch is
being kept night and day, and work-
men are doing what little can be done
to loosen the danger of a sudden
break in the ice jam.

It is not expected that the settle-
ment will be damaged in any event.

FRANCE AND JAPAN FURNISH PROBLEMS HARD OF SOLUTION

LIQUOR IN CLUBS IS DECLARED ILLEGAL

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—"I don't
believe the law intended that I
should leave a store of liquor of my
own in a public place," said Mas-
terson, in finding guilty of breach
of the Liquor Act R. v. R. v. R. v. R.
of the Second Division Club.

The sentence was \$100 fine or a
month in jail. The defence entered
was that members of the club had
private stocks in lockers to which the
club officials had the key.

Ugly Shipbuilding Declines

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Clyde ship-
building returns for 1921 year show
that 314 vessels were launched, with
an aggregate tonnage of 514,000.
This is a big drop from last year's
tonnage of 623,000. The largest ves-
sel launched in 1921 was the Wind-
sor Castle, of 19,000 tons.

GANDHI MAY GET FURTHER POWER

Expected to Be Made Dictator
by East Indian Congress
and to Campaign Vigorously
Against Britain

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Bombay
correspondent of the London Times
predicts that Mahatma Gandhi will
succeed in the present session of the
Ahmedabad congress in securing com-
plete dictatorship, and that the con-
gress will invest him with leadership
and dictatorial powers and control of
the congress organization funds. He
will employ these to increased non-co-
operation civil disobedience and non-
payment of taxes with increased vigor
throughout India, deliberately chal-
lenging the whole policy of the In-
dian Government. Gandhi professes
delight at the Government's repressive
measures which, he is convinced, will
disquiet the moderates and close the
ranks of his adherents. The corres-
pondent thinks that this aspect of the
situation is disquieting for the con-
stitutional government machinery is
based on the loyal co-operation of the
moderates in the task of governing
the country.

ALLAHABAD, India, Dec. 26.—
Sixty-two more National volunteers
and members of the all-India Con-
gress have been arrested and nine
sentenced to three months' imprison-
ment each. The editor of the Allaha-
bad Independent was sentenced to a
year's imprisonment.

AHMEDABAD, British India, Dec.
26.—In his presidential address at the
all-India caliphate, Hakim Ajmal
Khan reviewed the Moslem situation
throughout the world. He said that
Asia Minor on the one hand, and In-
dia on the other, were the two ex-
treme states in the chain of future
Islamic federation. He complimented
the Turks on "their victory over the
Greeks and complete smashing of
British diplomacy."

Britain alone, he said, stood in the
way of a real solution of the Near
East question. India wanted peace,
but only if it safeguarded the rights
of citizenship and national honor.

Hakim charged that the Govern-
ment had committed inhuman atrocities
at Malabar under martial law.

Gordon Bennett Balloon Race
GENEVA, Dec. 27.—The Swiss
Aero Club has decided to hold the
1922 Gordon Bennett balloon race at
Geneva on Sept. 2.

Insist on Strength Of Submarine Fleet

French Senators Are Emphatic in Support of
Programme Presented by Delegation at
Washington—Declare Submersibles Are
Necessary for Defence Purposes

PARIS, Dec. 27.—France's deter-
mination to have a powerful fleet and
objection to the limitation efforts of
the Washington Conference were vi-
gorously voiced in the Senate today.

Senator Henry Berenger, who re-
ported the marine budget, said
France was at a decisive turning
point. "Is France still independent
in her navy as in her army?" he
asked.

"Is the old principle of sov-
erignty been sacrificed somehow? In
these conferences wherein we have
been promised a sort of interna-
tional happiness?"

Senator de Kerguelen defended the
submarine as an essential weapon of
defence, but wished it to be confined
to military uses instead of being ap-
plied to torpedoing commerce.

"At the Washington conference,"
he said, "we were surprised to see
the French delegation demand 150,
000 tons of capital ships, when
France does not intend to carry war
into foreign waters. France desires
no imperialism, but if we found Ad-
miral de Bon's proposal strange,
there are, nevertheless, limitations
which we cannot accept."

M. Kerguelen declared it was im-
possible that the French delegation
at Washington had said that sub-
mersibles would be used to destroy
the enemy's commercial fleet. He ex-
plained the necessity of submarines
in defending the coast and in trans-
portation of supplies for troops.

Minister of Marine Guesneau, re-
plying to Senator de Kerguelen, said
he was greatly affected by the re-
marks about the Washington con-
ference, but he asserted that the
"Nothing has been proposed that
reduces France's power."

"Moreover," he declared, "no de-
cision resulted at Washington con-
ferring on the question of submersi-
bles. The French government would
be effective until the French parlia-
ment had approved them."

He explained that the naval pro-
gramme was reduced through lack of
money, but that a defensive pro-
gramme was prepared providing for
the utilization of the commercial
fleet.

Preceding the debate over the
naval budget, the naval commission
had published a resolution urging the
Minister of Marine to increase the
number of submarines so as to make
quadruple the coast line in view
of the present weakness of the navy,
which was stressed during the dis-
cussion in the Senate.

Former's Stiff Adherence to Requirements on
Submarine Tonnage May Prevent Settlement
by Present Conference—Another Gathering
May Be Necessitated by Outcome

EUROPEAN TREATY IS TALKED ABOUT

French and Japanese Acceptance of U. S. Pro-
posal at Today's Committee Meeting Is Not
Expected—Japan Also Stands Out on
Shantung Question and Pacific Treaty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The submarine controversy
has revealed so wide a difference of opinion among the
Powers that the arms delegates are seriously discussing a
plan to leave the question of auxiliary warship tonnage to
a later international conference.

So far consideration of the project has been informal,
with conference leaders outwardly reflecting a hope that
the present negotiations may yet bring the submarine prob-
lem to a solution. In many quarters, however, there are
growing signs of discouragement over the prospect, and an
accompanying tendency to examine carefully possibilities
of the postponement plan.

In highest American official circles it was said today
that a concrete proposal for a future conference might be
laid before the arms delegates within a few days. President
Harding was said to feel such a conference would be a logi-
cal development of his policy of international consultation,
and it was indicated that he had communicated his desires
to the American delegation.

Tonight the submarine tangle apparently was as far as
ever from a settlement, despite conferences between Ameri-
can delegates and those of Japan and France, the two pow-
ers who are holding out against the American compromise
proposal.

The naval committee, which has not met since Saturday,
will resume tomorrow, but neither the French nor Japanese
expect to be in a position to modify their objections to the
American plans.

Negotiations over Shantung also
took on a more serious aspect today,
when the Japanese, after receipt of
fresh instructions from Tokyo, let it
be known that they were not pre-
pared to make any further conces-
sions in their exchanges with the
Chinese over the return of the Tsing
Tao-Taiwan Fu railroad. The Chi-
nese, already have declared they can
go no further toward a compromise,
but in some conference circles here
it is still hoped that the two groups may
be brought together.

Four-Power Treaty Also
Meanwhile the new four-power Pa-
cific treaty, already signed by the
United States, Great Britain, France
and Japan, got back into conference
discussions through a suggestion from
Japanese quarters that the four
powers agree not to apply the terms
of the pact to the principal islands
of the Japanese Empire.

Because of differences of view
developing in the United States and
Japan as to the meaning of the
treaty, the Japanese were said to be
considering the suggestion of such an
interpretative agreement.

An interpretation not applying the
treaty to the major Japanese islands
would be a reversal of the under-
standing said to have existed among
the delegations when the treaty was
signed. It would be adverse also to
the interpretation announced by the
American delegation, but in harmony
with that voiced by President Hard-
ing. Should Tokyo decide formally to
suggest such an agreement, the tangle
might precipitate an intricate situa-
tion in the conference.

Instructions from Paris
Another suggestion involving inter-
esting political considerations came
from French circles. It was a hint,
advanced informally while the de-
legation waited for news of the decisions
of the Cabinet in Paris, that France
might be willing to agree to a status
quo in the limitation of submarine
strength if the other powers would
join with her in a treaty designed to
preserve peace in European waters.

As tentatively outlined, such a
treaty would be similar in purpose to
that just concluded to cover the
Pacific, and would have as its signa-
tories France, Great Britain, Italy and
Germany. Should they desire to do
so, it was said, the United States
and Japan might also participate in the
agreement, although the inclusion of
the four European powers, including
Germany expressly, would be con-
sidered indispensable.

Instructions of the French Govern-
ment on the submarine question de-
cided on at a meeting of the Cabinet,
were received today by the French
arms delegation, and while their na-
ture was not announced, it was said
in response to a question from the
press, that the treaty would be
signed. It would be adverse also to
the interpretation announced by the
American delegation, but in harmony
with that voiced by President Hard-
ing.

The French naval experts are
described as holding that each coun-
try is entitled to say for itself how
many "defensive craft" are needed,
taking into consideration the extent
of coast lines of both the homeland
and colonial possessions.

JAPANESE DEMANDS ON CHITA REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Jap-
anese Government, at the conference
at Dairen with the Far Eastern Rep-
ublic of China, has submitted de-
mands which, if accepted, would
mean that the republic would be-
come a Japanese colony, the trade
delegation of that republic, now here,
was informed today in a cable from
its news agency at Peking.

The demands, according to the
message, are:

That Japanese subjects be given
equal rights and privileges with those
of the Far Eastern Republic;
Abolition of all laws limiting the
rights of Japanese subjects;
Destruction of fortifications in
Vladivostok and in the Maritime
Republic.

The right of Japan to maintain mil-
itary guards in the Far Eastern Rep-
ublic.

Death of George T. Blackstock
TORONTO, Dec. 27.—George T. Black-
stock, K.C., one of the foremost mem-
bers of the Canadian bar, whose name is associated
with many a celebrated case, includ-
ing the famous Birrell trial of more
than a generation ago, died today at
his home here. He had been ill a
long time, and was unable to carry
on active practice in recent years.

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PARIS, Dec. 27.—The reparations commission has decided to hold a special session on Thursday afternoon of this week to hear Dr. Fischer, chairman of the German war debt

LABOR OUTLOOK HAS IMPROVED

Capable Observers in Britain Believe Situation Is Better Than for Some Time Past—Coal Trade Picks Up

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Good judges hold the opinion that the labor outlook in Great Britain for 1922 is less menacing than it has been at this period of the year for some time past, and that a better feeling exists between employers and workers.

Wages have been reduced in many trades under sliding scale arrangements, depending upon the cost of living, and in other big industries, such as engineering and shipbuilding, wage cuts have come into operation by agreement.

The reduction of railway freight rates for coal, although not so great as had been hoped for by the industries concerned, will almost certainly stimulate the iron and steel trades, while the revival of the coal export trade has brought some hope in some large mining districts.

Some authorities believe the worst is over, and that the depression is at length passing. Better times for the miners will almost automatically bring a measure of improvement for other classes of workers.

ITALY CONCLUDES TREATY WITH SOVIET

ROME, Dec. 27.—The terms of the commercial agreement between Italy and Soviet Russia, which was signed yesterday by Foreign Minister Della Rocca and M. Vorovsky, the Soviet representative, were published today by the Rome newspapers. The agreement is temporary, and provides for resumption of trade between the countries pending negotiations for a general economic treaty.

The agreement contains reciprocal clauses regarding imports and exports and port facilities, and provides for the abolition of Russia from propaganda. It does away with all trade barriers except as to the importation into Italy of alcoholic liquors from Russia.

Both parties agree mutually to refrain from all forms of blockade and boycott, and agree not to hamper postal and telegraph communications. Soviet Russia agrees not to requisition goods, and agrees not to demand from Italy funds from property belonging to the old Russian regime. Arrangements also were made whereby a relief mission financed by the Italian Government will operate in Southern Russia under the auspices of the Italian Red Cross.

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M. BRIAND OBTAINS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Chamber of Deputies today gave the Briand government a new lease of life by the substantial majority of 177 at the close of a two-day debate over the failure last summer of the Industrial Bank of China. The vote of confidence was given on the interpellation of the Upper Chamber to investigate irregularities in this connection.

At the opening today, the second day of the debate on the question of the government's responsibility for the bank's suspension of payments under consideration, Premier Briand was aggressively attacked by the opposition and as aggressively defended himself.

The Premier declared that a battle between different groups of banks had obstructed the measures contemplated for putting the bank in question on its feet again, and that if the obstructions continued the measures could not be carried out.

WORK SLACKENS IN ALL CANADA

Employment Figures Show Sharp Decline for Two Weeks Ending November 19—Nearly All Lines Affected

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Employment in Canada during the two weeks ended November 19 showed a marked decline from the previous two weeks' period.

The index number of the Department of Labor stood at 88.8 as compared with 90.2. On November 20 last year the index number was 103.1. The three Prairie Provinces and Ontario showed the most important shrinkages, due largely to losses in railroad construction and maintenance.

There was a decline of over one per cent in employment in manufacturing industries, important contracting being registered in sawmills, pulp and paper mills, and building and contracting also showed reductions in staffs. Leather factories recorded increased activity.

Employment in the building trades, as indicated by the building permits issued for the month of November in 55 cities throughout Canada, showed increased activity over the previous month. The value rose from \$2,248,469 in the latter month, to \$10,558,066 in November. This gain was, however, largely due to permits for a hotel and several other large buildings in Montreal.

All of the provinces outside of Quebec showed declines, as also the cities of Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

RIOTS IN EGYPT BRING BLOODSHED

Eleven Killed and Fourteen Wounded in Cairo Disturbances—Slight Disorders Reported From Alexandria

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Eleven Egyptians were killed and fourteen others wounded in the recent nationalist disturbances in Cairo, says a foreign office statement today. No British casualties occurred, it was stated.

Disturbances are continuing in Cairo, the advice added, and attempts have been made to wreck trains. One such attempt succeeded, a train on the Helwan Railway being derailed on Christmas Day.

Upper Egypt is quiet, says the statement, most of the disturbance being in lower Egypt. The situation at Tanta, 55 miles northwest of Cairo, where minor troubles were reported late last week, has improved since the arrival of British troops.

Detachments of Egyptian troops have been sent to some points, accompanied by airplanes in a few instances, to assist them. Light steamers with machine guns have gone up the Nile to Upper Egypt, and some others to Lower Egypt.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 27.—Slight disturbances occurred here today. Four hundred agitators have been arrested in this city since troubles began. It is reported that Said Zagloul Pasha, one of the nationalist leaders, will be sent to Ceylon.

Another Champion Cow
ROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 27.—A. C. Hardy has another world beater at his Avondale farm in a Holstein-Friesian heifer, Soo Syl Bella, who completed her first seven days with a production of 24.4 pounds of butter from 422 pounds of milk. This establishes a new world's record for the seven days' division in the two-year-old class.



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CALCUTTA CROWD CHEERS PRINCE

People Extend Hearty Welcome in Spite of Efforts Made by Malcontents—Reception at Race Meeting

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27.—Great crowds gathered here yesterday when the Prince of Wales attended the race for the Victoria Cup. The Prince presented the cup to Dr. Gouda, owner of the winning Roubais, amid hearty cheering. Many of the natives were in the streets yesterday, in contrast with Saturday, and they heartily acclaimed the Prince.

Earlier in the day there was a clash between the civil guard and natives, one native being killed and another wounded.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Calcutta says the Prince of Wales spent a quiet Christmas there, attending a church service in the morning, and in the afternoon visiting the cruiser Southampton.

The dispatch says that when he arrived in Calcutta Saturday from Patna he met with an enthusiastic reception, although owing to the martial a majority of the Indian residents held aloof from attending the procession through the city. The Prince was presented with an address of welcome from the municipal corporation, replying to which he alluded to the harmony of citizens of various races and creeds displayed in working together for the welfare of the people and the improvement of the city. He hoped the gradual development of the self-governing institutions in India would be attended by as happy a spirit and as united an effort to secure the wellbeing of all.

Later the Prince attended the races, where the martial had no effect, the attendance of natives being extraordinarily large.

IRISH SENTIMENT FAVORS TREATY

Reports Indicate That Great Majority of People Wish Ratification—De Valera May Withdraw Opposition

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Sentiment throughout Ireland, as reflected in despatches in London newspapers today, is overwhelmingly in favor of the Irish peace treaty. Reports from various provinces indicate that fully 90 per cent of the people in the 26 counties of Southern Ireland want the pact ratified.

This confirms predictions made when the Dail Eireann adjourned its debate on the treaty last Thursday until January 2, that the treaty would bring definite expression of the people's will, and the view is now put forward that when the Dail reassembles the treaty will be approved by a majority which will make an appeal to the country unnecessary.

The Morning Post's correspondent says a rumor is afoot of a "possible sensation" before the Dail meets again, this being taken to mean that Eamon de Valera intends to announce withdrawal of opposition in view of the weight of public opinion for the treaty.

Mr. Stead's View
MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—"There is no question but that the situation regarding Ireland is growing better each day, and the efforts of the Dail to sound the people in the most encouraging sign yet. From our own information we are satisfied that 90 per cent of the people and 90 per cent of the politicians would readily agree to the proposed agreement if the matter were submitted to a referendum."

This is the view of Wickham H. Stead, editor of The London Times, who reached Montreal last night from the Washington conference, which he has been attending. Mr. Stead filled a number of engagements here today, which he terminated by taking the train to Toronto in the evening.

"When the matter is finally settled," Mr. Stead added, "it will then be learned what a great part the King has played in getting the problem to the conference, and how much of himself there was in the Belfast speech."

As to Ulster, Mr. Stead said that the North would hold out for a few months and then join with the rest of Ireland.

"After that they will probably govern Ireland," he added laughingly. Mr. Stead was of the opinion that Canadians were invaluable at the Washington conference, explaining Englishmen to Americans.

COMMUNIST WOMEN WANT MILITARISM

MARSEILLES, France, Dec. 27.—An unexpected feature of the first national convention of the French communist party, in session here, developed yesterday, when the women delegates voiced opposition to the anti-militarist campaign.

In a speech to the convention, Mme. Collard declared: "I don't want any anti-militarism. I am in favor of militarism which, as in Russia, will defend the revolution. We accept violence when it will gain power for us."

Mme. Collard and other women delegates demanded that the women be given a more prominent place on the communist programme.

DEATH OF Yellow Fever
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 27.—Dr. Howard B. Cross, of the Rockefeller Institute, died here this morning, a victim of the yellow fever. Dr. Cross came here early this month to open a laboratory for studying the yellow fever and malarial fever for the Rockefeller Institute.

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CROATS AND ITALIANS CLASH AT SEBENICO

ROME, Dec. 27.—Disturbances between Croats and Italians occurred in Sebenico, Dalmatia, during the visit of the Italian destroyer Rubiny to that port, says a dispatch to The Messagero from Zara, Dalmatia, today. Sailors from the destroyer are declared to have been attacked and

clubbed when they went ashore. Friction between the two nationalities is also reported from Spalato.

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LOSS TO COMMUNITY

Among all those who have taken the trouble to follow the services rendered to the community by the local Detective Force there will be a feeling of genuine regret that Detective Inspector Perdue and Detective Charles Macdonald and Sidianno will no longer be engaged in police work in the city after the end of the year. The local department was built up to a high state of efficiency under Mr. Perdue. He was a deservedly popular head of the Force, and one who it will be very difficult to replace. Throughout the long years that he has held the position he has always enjoyed the full confidence of his Chief of Police, and he earned the respect of the police departments of all neighboring cities with whom he came in contact in the discharge of his duties. Largely through the ability which he brought to bear on the administration of his department crime in this community has been reduced to a very low ebb. Mr. Perdue's personality has always commanded unswerving allegiance from his subordinates. Those detectives who are leaving the Force with him have earned widespread respect, and there is not a shadow of doubt that the personnel built up in the Department was fully efficient, honest, painstaking, and able in the discharge of the multifarious duties which fell to its lot.

The disruption which is taking place in the local Detective Force can hardly fail to have a deleterious effect. Among other matters with which new detectives will find it difficult to cope are the Bertillon records of the Department, which, under Detective Inspector Perdue, have been built up to a degree of efficiency not equaled in many cities. Mr. Perdue devoted a great deal of time and study to this phase of detective work, and his departure from the force and the consequent absence of the knowledge he possesses will be a substantial loss to the community. In whatever new spheres Mr. Perdue, and the other detectives who are leaving the Department, may figure, they will have the warmest good wishes for their success from the great mass of the citizens who recognize the great part they have been playing in the community.

A WAR PROPHECY

Mr. H. G. Wells, the novelist and writer on economic subjects, was sent to Washington by a number of newspapers to report the proceedings of the conference on disarmament. Mr. Wells has no official position in the conference, but he has been the case in his writings, has allowed his imagination to run rampant. Although he occupies the position of a reporter at Washington he has not taken an impartial view of the doings of the conference, but instead, has dealt with matters and personal opinions which are quite extraneous to the subjects under discussion. Wells has shown in all he has written the utmost good will towards Germany and Russia, and the beginning of the present series of dispatches he has displayed a marked aversion to France. He has even posed in the role of war prophet to the extent of expressing his personal belief that France is preparing for hostilities against Great Britain. What there has been in the doings of the Washington Conference to warrant such a monstrous suspicion is known only to the mind of Mr. Wells.

From the tenor of Mr. Wells' dispatches it is evident that he himself thinks is of more moment to the future of the world than what the conference may do. Mr. Wells, for instance, which are somewhat patent, is more popular in America than in Europe. In the Old World he is a prophet of ill omen; a brilliant writer, no doubt, but with neurotic tendencies and unparliamentary misgivings. His championship of Germany and Russia is not new, and his ill-considered message concerning the "head of the British Empire" might well have been expected from one who has a sinister and egotistic viewpoint, but the newspapers which enlisted his services are beginning to understand that the "ins" using the Washington Conference mainly for his own advertisement. In this respect he does not differ much from Mrs. Richard Phillips, who is also expressing his political views from Washington, irrespective of the actual course of the conference. Both have acquired a facility in the writing of matter which is not only untrue, but seemingly, sacrifice truth for the turn of a phrase. Their business is mainly the expression of personal opinions, and they have thriven in it because of facile pens and brilliant phraseology. In clever, brilliant people do not always search for the truth. They are willing to have the ear pleased and the love of the morbid tickled when the understanding is left unconvinced. The hope may be expressed that it will be so with some of the calumnious opinions voiced by Mr. Wells as his viewpoint of the Washington Conference.

A BY-ELECTION

With five candidates announced as seeking election to the vacancy on the School Board, there is at least evidence of a recrudescence of interest in educational affairs. There are too many candidates for the probability is that, if all are nominated the successful one will not receive a majority of the votes cast, and there will, therefore, be a contest, the result on the part of the people. We are not among those who believe a contest should be avoided and that by mutual agreement between the candidates one of them should be allowed to go in by acclamation. The small expense involved in a by-election will be worth while if it means an awakening in public interest in the present grave situation affecting school affairs, and particularly with regard to expenditures. A contest is desirable, but it should be a contest between representatives of policies which might be described as the status quo and the need of thorough reform.

With five or more candidates in the field there will, no doubt, be as many viewpoints, and the electorate will be difficult to ascertain which is best fitted for the position by education, training and experience. Forcefulness of character, combined with a sound appreciation of the limitations of taxpayers, is needed on the School Board. The public want closer scrutiny of and better guardianship over expenditures, and the taxpayers are looking for practical policies which will eliminate all wasteful expenditures. The election of a School Trustee should be one of the most serious of municipal duties, and everyone offering for the office should insure that in every respect his or her equipment for the serious duties of the Board will bear the closest investigation. Our School Boards of the future should be something more than mere expense-endorsing bodies, and we can make them so by exercising more care in choosing the personnel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letter to the editor will be inserted except upon the proper signature and address of the writer. This does not mean of no exception.

Mind-Cure Methods

Sir,—Delusion is surely reaching its height and strength in these days. I listened the other day to a lecturer making statements which in a day when the Bible is so widely read, would have meant imprisonment for public blasphemy and probably a charge of wilful perjury. The lecturer, who in the course of that word as used in the Bible, would have been entirely justified. This lecturer, a man of education and some learning, called his address with a well-known "treatment" in which he emphatically and repeatedly stated that "man is perfect, man is omniscient, man is God, and his hearers assured me of their belief in him and in the truth of his statements because he is able to cure ailments and diseases by the now well-known mental or mind-cure methods.

The lecturer, while quoting constantly from the pages of Scripture, was making a most unorthodox interpretation upon isolated passages, a process by which the meaning of any book can be perverted, was very careful to omit references to the main theme of the Scriptures, the twin problems of sin and salvation. He denied instead the existence of evil, all experience to the contrary notwithstanding. He denied not only stating evil and its remedy as facts, but giving more than an inkling as to its origin. He denied that the wrath of God is revealed in his word, and that the only way to escape the wrath of God is through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ. He denied the world's need of a Saviour, in spite of the fact that the Word of God says: "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness."—In a word, perverted the truth. And he stated, definitely and explicitly that man is perfect, and forgetting that God looked down from his throne on the children of men and said: "Professing themselves to be wise they became fools."

What can be said to these things—of the teachers and the followers of these unorthodox teachings? Simply this, also from God's Word: "But because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved—for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." And the lie is no new thing, it is the same lie whispered at the beginning by the Deceiver of mankind, whose own fall had been completed by a long before—"Ye shall be as God." That is the lie, the origin of evil and the cause of all the sin and suffering in the world in all the yesterday and today. And because of the lie, the Word of God is feared and discredited, is twisted and misquoted, and we are bold to say that these false teachers could not and would not face that Word, which is living and powerful yet, set forth plainly and clearly against their own ungodly teaching.

J. B. HOLDCROFT.

1455 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., December 27, 1921.

CHRISTMAS IN METCHOSIN

METCHOSIN, Dec. 26.—Christmas Day in Metchosin and the surrounding districts has been a very happy one. The preparations which have been going on for weeks for the great festival culminated on Christmas Day when the gifts both homemade and bought were exchanged between families and friends. A splendid spirit of "don camaraderie" has been displayed on all sides, and the usual greetings were spoken with "Merry Christmas" smiles from young and old alike.

The church services were all well attended. St. Mary's Church, Metchosin, was prettily decorated with the singing of Christmas carols by the choir was much enjoyed. At St. John's Church, Colwood, the decorations were very appropriate and the carol singing was delightful. Shaking and golf added much to the pleasure of the day.

Prodigal Daughters

By JOSEPH HOCKING
(Author of "A Flame of Fire," "The Charlots of the Lord," "Dearer Than Life," "The Passion of Life," etc.)

CHAPTER XXIV.

"Something will have to be done," said Jim Barnes, who had been standing for a long time, sullen and silent, looking into vacancy.

Peg did not reply.

"Have you nothing to say? Why, we're right up against it. We've got to do something. We owe three weeks' rent, and this pile of bills. I can see nothing for it but a moonlight flitting."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Clearing out. We have no money, and you won't do anything."

"What can I do?" and the girl's tones were sullen and defiant.

"Do!" he said with an oath. "You could do a lot. But you'll do nothing. You're willing to sponge upon me for everything."

"Sponge upon you! Be careful what you say, Jim."

"Why should I be careful?" he asked. "Besides, it's true."

"You didn't talk like that when I left home," she protested.

"I told me you were earning good money, and that it would be the joy of your life to buy things for me, and now—"

"She shrugged her shoulders."

"Hannes laughed harshly. "Yes, and a nice foul I made of myself," he said. "Instead of marrying a girl with money, as I thought, she hasn't got a sou."

"I had nearly thirty pounds, and I gave you every penny of it."

"Thirty pounds! What's that?" sneered Hannes. "It all went in a week or two. Oh, you throw up that to me, do you?—your thirty pounds."

"You paid me thirty pounds to take you, did you?" And a nice bargain I made of it. Spent it all in less than a month in theatres and dinners. Good Lord, do you think I could keep that up? People who have got extravagant ideas about pay have got to pay for them. You would never go into the balcony. It was always the dress circle or stalls for you. You would never go to the movies; they were too common for you. Indeed, you must have a regular play. You would never go to a 'Jolly Tea' Sociable; nothing less than a high-priced affair would do for you. I had to pay for it. Of course, people who want to ordinary dances weren't good enough for you. Let me tell you this, madam, my money is gone, and they're as good as you."

Peg did not reply.

"Yes, as good as you for all your fine name and aristocratic connections, indeed! Fat lot of good they are to me!"

"You were eager enough to get them," Hannes cried. "I'm just sick of it all. Yes, I know that I was a tom-fol; I ought to have known better than to trust a girl like you. But there, we must do something. We can't stay on here. Look at this letter."

After this there was a silence for a minute, and then Hannes burst out:

"We shall have to do it!"

"What?" she asked.

"Go home to Camp Town."

"I won't," she cried passionately. "I simply won't!"

"Won't you? Why, you silly fool, we can live together, and the will mean more than two pound a week difference to us. Mother's got a spare room we can have, and I'll pay her something for keeping us. In fact, we can rub along then."

"I won't!" Peg repeated angrily. "I simply won't!"

"Why won't you?"

"I couldn't live day by day with your mother and sisters."

"Couldn't you, indeed! They're as good as you are, and a jolly sight better. My sisters are just the girls. They earn their own living and keep the house going. That's more than you do."

"You may say what you like," cried Peggy, "but I won't do it. You know what they said to me the last time I was there."

"That was to my fun," laughed Hannes. "Remember, they're a bit fed up with you. Who wouldn't be? Of course they thought your father would do the straight thing, and come down here home. If he did, and if he would have allowed us, say, four pounds a week, and then we could have rubbed along. Besides, what can we do? They're not going to take the high and mighty style, and say you won't do this, and you won't do that; but we've got to pay for those rooms or be kicked out. And we've got to get the money. And there are these bills. Oh, what a tom-fol I was to marry an extravagant, useless thing like you!"

"You were glad enough to get me," Peggy's retort.

"Was I?" laughed Hannes. "It was you who did all the courting, dear. I had no need to do it."

"Oh, you mean, contemptible outsider," sneered the girl in a rage.

"Look here, none of that!" said Hannes, taking a savage stride towards her. "I'm not going to stand any of your cheek. Mean, contemptible outsider, am I? Well, go and live with your mean, contemptible insiders!"

Peggy stood before him defiant, her eyes flashing. "Don't think you can frighten me," she cried. "You are a mean, contemptible outsider, or you wouldn't speak like that."

Barnes caught her roughly by the arm. "Say that again," he said, "and I'll break your eye," and he lifted his hand as if to strike her.

All the fighting spirit in Jim was roused, and he felt contaminated by his touch. Pride of race, and the influence of her early associations surged within her. She felt degraded by passing through such scenes, for this was only a repetition of others of a similar nature. But she was not afraid. Something, she knew not what, caused her to defy him, and challenge him to do his worst.

"Strike me!" she cried, her voice quivering. "Strike me! It's the kind of creature like you would do. But remember, I'll tell my brother John, and I'll tell my father, too."

"Bah, you daisy! You brother John!" and Hannes laughed sneeringly. "He's afraid to come near me. He remembers the licking I gave him at the Commodore Hotel months ago."

"Yes, I heard about that!" sneered the girl. "Why, he thrashed you within an inch of your life. Jenkins told me so himself. You brother John!"

"Jenkins did, did he? I'll pay him out for that."

"Now then, strike me," and the girl looked fearlessly and defiantly into his face.

Barnes dropped her arm and walked away muttering:

(To Be Continued.)

AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Boys From Haldigh and Canadian Importers Guests of Ladies' Guild on Christmas Day

The Ladies' Guild for Sailors, under the convener of Mrs. C. D. Neroutos, entertained at noon on Christmas Day fifteen of the boys, under 18 years of age, from H.M.S. Raleigh, and a few of the members of the crew of the Canadian Importer. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock in the large hall of the institute, which had been decorated with holly and other evergreens for the occasion.

The afternoon was spent with song. Mrs. Morrell and Mr. Clarke acting as accompanists while the boys joined in the choruses. After tea they amused themselves in the comfortable rooms of the institute, spinning yarns, grouped around a blazing log fire.

The convener, on behalf of the Guild, wishes to thank the ladies of the ladies' guild for their generous gifts: Mrs. J. W. Troup, Mrs. C. Spratt, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Dole, Mrs. A. Thomson, Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Morrell, Mr. Alex. Melnert, Mr. A. Burdick, Capt. C. D. Neroutos, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jamieson and an anonymous donor.

UNEMPLOYED PARTAKE

OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

One Hundred and Forty Men

Out of Work Spent Cheerful Day at Dinner Provided by Friends

Through the kindness of various unions and organizations in this city, assisted by a number of individuals who contributed towards making the function a success, one hundred and forty unemployed men who would otherwise have passed their Christmas without opportunity to indulge in anything of festive nature characterized the day, were treated to a most satisfying and successful Christmas dinner in Trades Hall at noon on Sunday.

The dinner was an excellent one, with all the old-time Christmas dainties appearing on the tables, which fairly groaned under the good things supplied. Messrs. Tighe & Wheeler acted as caterers, and the success of their efforts was indicated by the expressions of appreciation voiced by the diners who were thus enabled to participate in the season's festivities.

Following the dinner a musical programme was rendered, contributing greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. The singing and recitation functioned Alderman E. S. Woodward spoke briefly expressing his and the members of the Trades and Labor Council's appreciation of the success of the event and of the interest taken by the various unions and others in making the event the enjoyable one it proved to be.

Successful Function

While the guests were invited by card there was room for a number who had not secured such cards but who appeared at the hall before the dinner commenced. Every unemployed man was made welcome. The menu was a most satisfying one, comprising chicken soup, fish, turkey, vegetables, English plum pudding, mince pie and a delicious cake, with fruit and cigars and cigarettes. All provisions left over were distributed among families of unemployed men.

Among the singing and recitation contributions towards the function were the following: Teamsters, Street Railwaymen, Upholsterers, Meatcutters, Civic Employees, Typographers, Bookbinders, Bled to be Retail Clerks, Cooks and Waiters, Mr. J. B. Clearhouse, M.M.P., Mr. W. Lorimer, Mr. A. C. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Ethel & Co. and Jennie & Taylor above the diners, before dispersing, passed a hearty vote of thanks. The thanks of the committee in charge of the event is also due to Messrs. L. P. Ethel & Co. and Jennie & Taylor for the use of trucks, to Superintendent Creech, of the Provincial Labor Bureau, and to others for their kindly cooperation.

Undoubtedly much of the success of the event was due to Mr. J. M. Secular, whose idea it was to give the dinner to the unemployed. He was indefatigable in his efforts to make the function the success it proved to be, and he gave much time to personal supervision of the arrangements. His efforts were greatly appreciated by his fellow workers and by those who were the recipients of the benefits of his earnest labors.

Will Hold Concert
In pursuance of the plan to raise funds for the unemployed a concert will be held in the Panopticon Theatre on Wednesday, January 4, at 8 o'clock. A splendid programme is being prepared for the occasion, and it is the hope of the committee of the Victoria and District Unemployed Council that the entertainment will be largely attended. The theatre management has offered the use of the theatre free of charge, and the orchestra and entertainers are doing likewise.

The general admission charge will be fifty cents, with reserved seats selling at seventy-five cents and a dollar. Tickets will be on sale at the Commodore Hotel, 1211-13 Broad Street, and at the Royal Securities Corporation, 36 King Street East. The successful bid was for 109.57, or on a 5.97 per cent basis.

English has become the predominant language in Moscow.

RAILWAY EXPERT FOR

P.G.E. NOT YET NAMED

Expect Heads of Two Great Systems Will Not Make Selection at Present—Investigation During Summer

No word has yet been received by Premier Oliver relative to the result of the conference, if any, which President Healey, head of the C.P.R., and Mr. B. Hanna, chairman of the board of directors of the C.N.R., system, assured the Premier recently they would hold with a view to the selection of some railway expert to make a thorough investigation of the whole system of the P.G.E. Railway and advise the Government as to future policies in respect of that Provincially-owned railway.

Premier Oliver stated yesterday that he hardly expected Messrs. Healey and Hanna would have got together as yet in view of the Christmas season, but he expected that after the New Year they will be in a position to confer and make a selection of an engineer fully qualified to give the Province the needed expert advice on the P.G.E.

In view of the fact that the Winter weather has forced a shut-down on the construction work which was carried on during the past Summer by the Northern Construction Company from Prince George southward for a distance of about sixteen miles, and as at the time of year no proper examination of the road could be made by an engineer, it is likely that once the expert is named by Messrs. Healey and Hanna, he will not commence his examination until the early Summer when climatic conditions are improved and a more thorough investigation can be made.

ROTARIANS NEED

FINAL HUNDREDS

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plying of families who would have spent cheerless Christmas but for the work of these Good Samaritans. Letters of appreciation are beginning to come in to the club, many of them expressing gratitude for the help that has turned a hopeless outlook into a cheerful season of happiness.

The subscriptions as yet acknowledged are as follows:

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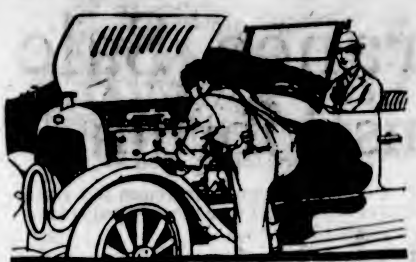
COURTENAY, Dec. 23.—Tonight the Presbyterian Church was crowded with parents and friends of the children who attend Sunday School. The attraction was the annual Christmas entertainment given by the scholars, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Beattie, Mr. Beattie and Miss Cook. Mr. Wm. Duncan acted as chairman, and Miss Barbara Duncan was at the piano. The complete programme was as follows: Chorus, "A Child's Christmas," solo, "A Kid's Conscience," Robin King; solo, "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," Sidney Stokes; recitations, Evelyn Blackhall and Margaret Cook; chorus, "The Christmas Eve," school; drill, six little girls, combined with chorus, "Santa Claus Will Come Tonight," ten other girls, Kathleen Beattie, Annie Rushton, Agnes Sutherland, Edith Emde, Nora Lloyd, Addie Percy, and the same girls who took part in "The Christmas Eve," solo, "A Child's Christmas," Kathleen Williams (singer, "Kathleen Mavourneen"), chorus, "Star of Promise," school; dialogue, "Santa's Boy," Jack Macintyre, Walter Morrison, Harold Hard, Jack Hanna, Jack Stephens, Gordon Blackhall, Fred Stephens, Cecil Carter, Harold Hanna, Roy Emde, Kathleen Williams, Margaret Cook; Kathleen Stephens, Marion McPherson, Flora Beaton, Muriel McPherson and Lucy Pickett; chorus, "The Christmas Child," school; dialogue, "Christmas," Jack Macintyre, Jack and Fred Stephens, Roy Macintyre, Harold and Jack Hanna; 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City and District in Brief

Garbage Can Contract—The City Council last night awarded the contract for making 1,000 garbage cans to the Pacific Street Metal Works, which quoted a rate of \$2.12 per can.

Concert at Cedar Hill—A concert will be given by the pupils of Cedar Hill School in St. Luke's Parish Hall this evening at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be used to buy books to form the nucleus of a library for the school.

Towing Tenders—The city will call for new tenders for the towing of garbage to sea, the three tenders originally received having been reported adversely upon by the city engineer and Ald. Bangarter, chairman of the Streets Committee.

Emmanuel Sunday School—The Emmanuel Baptist Church Sunday School will hold its Christmas tree and entertainment this afternoon, beginning with a supper at 8:30. During the evening the Rev. M. T. Haber-shon will give a short lantern lecture.

Smoke Nuisance Again—Mr. Sam Greenough has written to the City Council again complaining of the mill refuse and smoke nuisance in the north end of the city. The matter was referred to the Engineering Council and to the Fire Chief and Medical Health Officer for report.

Endorse Portland Project—The Victoria Chamber of Commerce yesterday passed resolutions congratulating promoters of the Portland 1925 world's fair project on their initial success, and pledging co-operation in the effort to bring before the possibilities of the Pacific Northwest.

Christmas Fires—Three small roof fires, which did little or no damage, and a kitchen fire on Monterey Avenue, gave the fire brigade runs on Sunday and Monday. The roof fires were at residences at 2444 Blanshard Street, corner of Rockland Avenue and St. Charles Street, and at 1139 Yates Street.

Inquiries From Ontario—As a result of advertising in Ontario, the Victoria and Island Development Association is receiving numerous inquiries from people in that Province, chiefly concerning the small fruit industry. Most of those inquiring ask information about the Gordon Head and Keating districts.

Applied Psychology—The Thursday night meeting of this week of the Victoria branch of the "Applied Psychology Movement" Applied Psychology has been postponed to Wednesday, January 4. The Chamber of Commerce rooms, Arcade Building, will be open at 7:30 o'clock and the meeting will start at 8 o'clock.

Sanctified Friendly Help—The members of the Friendly Help of Saanich wish to thank the many friends who donated and assisted in making Christmas more cheerful in many homes where unemployment had brought hardship. The work of Chief Brogan in collecting and distributing gifts is especially appreciated.

New Bridge Contract—City Engineer F. M. Preston was authorized last night by the City Council to call for tenders for the building of a new main contract to be awarded in connection with the Johnson Street Bridge construction. The contract provides for the building of the railway portion of the bridge.

Chinese Premises Robbed—Wong Yow, Chinese, of 1709 Store Street, reported to the police yesterday that some time during Christmas Eve a thief gained entrance to his premises and purloined a gold watch, a chain composed of gold coins of a value of \$23.50, a \$20 gold piece and \$1.25 in silver. The police are investigating the burglary.

Ward Six Ratepayers—A special meeting of Ward Six, Saanich, Ratepayers' Association will be held this evening (Wednesday) at the Temperance Hall, at 8 o'clock. The chief item of business will be the nominations for Councillor, Finance Committee and Police Commissioner for the ensuing year, and a large attendance is particularly desired.

No Regimental Parade—The regular weekly regimental parade of the ranks of the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., which was scheduled to take place tonight, has been cancelled until next Wednesday evening. There will be a meeting of officers of the unit, however, in the officers' mess in the new Drill Hall tonight, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Divide Liquor Profits—The City Council yesterday authorized the forwarding of half the city's share of the liquor profits to the board of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital in accordance with provisions of the Provincial legislation. The total amount received as the city's share of the profits was \$20,588. The city's half will be devoted to the local improvement sinking fund account.

Gifts Address on "Radium"—An address on "Radium" was delivered before the Gyro Club at a supper in the Criterion Cabaret last evening by Dr. L. K. Foyston. It proved highly interesting and dealt mainly with what radium is. A musical programme consisting of selections by the Gyro orchestra, and violin solos by Gyro Frank Frederickson was rendered.

Charge Dismissed—Ruling that the evidence adduced by the prosecution was not sufficient to warrant a conviction, and that the accused must have the benefit of the doubt arising from the charge of seduction against Earl Howard, of Mayne Island, was dismissed.

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mixed by His Honor Judge Lampman in the County Court yesterday. Mr. J. S. Brandon appeared for the Crown and Mr. J. A. Aikman, for the defence.

Fined for Speeding—The peaceful celebration by Victorians of the Christmas festival was illustrated by the state of the Police Court calendar yesterday when only one case, and that an adjourned summons under the by-laws, came before Magistrate Jay for consideration. Captain J. M. Cummings admitted the charge of exceeding the motor speed limit on Yates Street and was fined in the sum of \$15.

Conservative Meet—A special meeting of the Conservative Association will be held tomorrow evening, the 29th inst., in the clubrooms, Campbell Block, when matters business interest to the associations will be dealt with. Members of the Women's Conservative Educational and Social Club are requested by the secretary to attend the meeting, as are also the members of the Young Conservative Association.

Grand Concert—Under the auspices of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society and Ladies' Auxiliary, a grand concert and dance will be held tomorrow night in the Caledonia Hall, View Street. The concert will commence promptly at 8 o'clock. Dancing will be indulged in from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wallace's orchestra providing the dance music. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The public is invited to attend.

Y. P. Department—The Young People's Department of the First Presbyterian Church is holding a Christmas social tonight in the schoolroom of the church at 8 o'clock. A splendid musical programme will be rendered, while games and other competitions will be indulged in. Refreshments will be served during the evening. All the younger members of the congregation and of the community are invited to attend tonight's gathering.

St. Jude's Sunday School—The tea for the scholars of St. Jude's Sunday School will be served at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. There will be an entertainment in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. Parents and friends are cordially invited. Contributions towards the tea will be greatly appreciated, and are to be left at the Mission before 3 o'clock tomorrow. Those children taking part in the entertainment are asked to meet at the Mission at 3 o'clock this afternoon for the final rehearsal.

Amalgamated Veterans—The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Amalgamated Veterans' Association will take place tonight at 8 o'clock in the Trades Hall, Broad Street. Conrade H. W. Hart will officiate as Chairman. Unemployment and other pressing questions will be considered and every member is expected to be present. The organization has changed its headquarters and members have been asked to meet at the Union Bank Building to 127-128 Pemberton Building, Port Street, where the secretary's office and members' reading rooms are now located.

Thanks Sergeant Moss—The Esquimalt Friendly Help Society desires to extend grateful thanks to the Sergeant-Mess of Work Point Barracks, who donated and distributed \$100 amongst the mothers of twenty different families whose names were given them by the secretary, Sergeant Watson and Gale were in charge of the fund, and called on each family in person, dropping a sealed envelope containing a \$5 bill on table or chair when leaving. This was accomplished before Christmas Day throughout the whole municipality.

Y.M.C.A. Open House—The Boys' Work Department of the local Y.M.C.A. is holding an open house tomorrow afternoon and evening at the Y.M.C.A. building to parents and friends of the members of the department. An interesting gymnastic display will be given by the schoolboys in the big gymnasium at 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon, while a similar performance will be presented by the employed boys at 7:30 p.m. The boys have been practising faithfully for the display, and hope for a large audience to witness their performance.

Cathedral Concert—There was a large audience in the schoolroom of Christ Church Cathedral last evening when the Ladies' Select Choir gave their concert. The programme consisted of some fine musical selections and humorous readings. Among those who took part were Miss Isabel Taylor, Miss Clara Hick, Miss Dorothy Carter, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Georgina Watt, Mr. Sidney J. Carter, Miss Isabel Hanbury and Mr. Jack Carter. The accompaniments were played by Miss Brandon and Master F. Wire. The selections by the choir were greatly enjoyed.

Scottish Daughters' League—The beautiful Christmas tree provided by the Scottish Daughters' League at Cook's Hall on Christmas Eve for children of the members was greatly appreciated by more than seventy tiny colored lights and the usual my trimmings. A generous Santa Claus with hoary beard and comic trappings distributed gifts and contributed much merriment, after which the children were served with Christmas dainties by ladies of the League. Later the parents and friends indulged in an enjoyable dance, the music for this being provided by Mr. Pomeroy.

THE WEATHER

Metropolitan Office, Victoria, B.C., at 11 a.m., Dec. 27, 1921.
The barometer remains low on the coast and mild weather, with rain, is expected northward to Vancouver Island. Snow is reported in Kootenay and mid-mountain weather in the Prairies.

Vancouver	24	26
Seattle	24	26
Kamloops	20	22
Prince Rupert	16	18
Edmonton	10	12
Calgary	10	12
Winnipeg	10	12
Regina	10	12
Saskatoon	10	12
Brandon	10	12
Manitoba	10	12
Ontario	10	12
Quebec	10	12
Atlantic	10	12

Forecast—The weather will be mild and rainy, with a chance of snow in the mountains. Wind, S.W. to S. by E. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Temperature, 40 to 50 F. Precipitation, 0.50 inch. Clouds, 5 to 10. Visibility, 10 miles. Wind, S.W. to S. by E. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Temperature, 40 to 50 F. Precipitation, 0.50 inch. Clouds, 5 to 10. Visibility, 10 miles.

RICH BECOMING POOR

For some decades it has been evident that, in the face of the often quoted prediction of Karl Marx, the poor are, by and large, becoming richer than ever before—or at least have more of the necessities of life, and indeed of many things once thought luxuries. Now comes a report of the national Bureau of Economic Research, which tends to show that, relatively if not absolutely, the rich are growing poorer. That at least is the conclusion of Professor Henry R. Seager, who reviews an advance copy of the report in The Survey.

During the decade covered, the average per capita income in the United States rose from \$17 in 1909 to \$23 in 1919 and to \$25 in 1919. To indicate more nearly the rise in purchasing power these figures are translated into "terms of 1917"—the year before the war—the rise being only from \$21 in 1909 to \$25 in 1919 and \$27 in 1919. The "statistical" study of five would thus have in 1919 an income of \$27.50 and a purchasing power equivalent to \$1.50 in the money of 1917. In the final year of the decade, the study of which was most nearly exhaustive, "about 88 per cent of the persons gainfully employed had incomes of less than \$2,000 and only about 12 per cent incomes exceeding that sum." The 88 per cent who had incomes less than \$2,000 were about 90 per cent of the total income of the nation and the 12 per cent whose income was over \$2,000 received some 40 per cent.

The hollowness of war prosperity is strikingly illustrated in the figures as to the total national income. It rose from 24.7 billions in 1913 to 62 billions in 1919, or about 80 per cent, whereas the increase when measured in terms of 1917 is only from 24.6 billions to 32.2 billions, or 13 per cent. Incidentally, the economic and financial structure of the civilized world has been thrown out of joint and will not again function normally until deflation has been not only drastic but approximately uniform in all industries. A farmer who has come back with a bump to dollar wheat is not a good customer for shoes and clothing, the makers of which still hold fast to wartime wages.

Professor Seager cites the average per capita income of \$25-\$27 in deflated money—as a measure of what each of us would receive if incomes were equally distributed. He points out, furthermore, that the equal distribution could not be effected "without serious impairment of the machinery of production on which all incomes depend." He regards the present tendency toward a more nearly equal distribution as salutary; but he cogently urges that if it is to work any notable benefit to the world it must be accompanied by an increase of production.

To this end two things are equally necessary—greater labor efficiency and greater energy and resource in management. Here also a new light is dawning upon the radical mind. Walther Rathenau, the German Minister of Reconstruction, is a professed Socialist, yet in his recent volume, "The New Society," he says: "In a world where there are no rich men there will only be very poor men."

SELLING POPULAR TUNES

It is difficult to be enthusiastic about any tune when one has had to play it once every half-hour for several months, but twenty performances daily is a moderate estimate of the demands made upon the pianist in a big music shop when there is a piece of dance music or a ballad which has caught the public fancy.

Those of us who spend our lives in trying tunes over have an excellent opportunity of gauging the public's taste in music, and there is no doubt as to what it actually is. For every piece of classical music which we are asked to play there are a dozen or more dance tunes or ballads.

A day's experience in a big music store tempts one to believe that the love of classical music is more a matter of fashion than of fact, and it is amusing to note the difference between the music bought for use and that purchased in deference to the classical music fashion.

"Something classical to put on the piano," is a quite common request, and a well-bound Chopin or Beethoven is the usual solution; but the music that really matters and must be tried over before being bought is generally of the fox-trot variety!

The score of a successful musical comedy is always a ready seller, but even that cannot compare in popularity with some of the older ballads, where "Mr. Caravan Has Roasted," "Little Grey Home in the West," and "Because"—songs which one would imagine to be well known to everyone—are still prime favorites. Judging by the numbers of copies of them which are still being sold, they are far ahead of any more recent ballad in point of popularity.

In addition to possessing a first-class musical education and an acquaintance with all the well-known classics, a shop pianist must be an adaptable person, capable of changing from Debussy to a fox-trot at a moment's notice, and of doing justice to each.

Customers expect him to play anything they wish to hear, to discuss the merits of any composition, and to give them advice as to the songs best suited to their voices.

Many customers, too, regard him as a music master. It is common practice with some to ask for a song to be played through several times and to return at intervals for a few days for the performance to be repeated until they have mastered it. And they do not always buy the song.

The most trying customer, however, is the one who vaguely asks for "some songs," insists on leaving the choice of them to the discretion of the pianist, buys what he recommends, and returns in a couple of days complaining that not one of them suits her voice.

A shop pianist has many trials, but there are compensations; he meets occasionally a real musician—London Daily Mail.

The Peace Keepers—There is no questioning the fact that the United States and Great Britain are by far the greatest powers on earth. Each has a tremendous influence upon the trend of human events, and there is no power or combination of powers that could without their consent influence the two nations are drawn from the same roots. Their systems of government and of laws have grown out of the same experience and are founded upon the same principles. Their ideals and aspirations are much the same. They speak the same language, have been nurtured in the same literature, and have developed character



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Men's Suits Today at \$19.85

A few Men's Suits of all-wool tweed in a fine pin check pattern; cut in a real smart style; good fitting, and a suit that will give excellent wear. Special for today, **\$19.85** each.

Men's Knitted Ties

A splendid assortment to choose from, in all the popular colors and patterns; made of a good quality of fibre silk. Values 75c and \$1.00. **50c** Today's special, each.

Men's Caps, \$1.65

Made in a good quality of tweed, in popular colors of lovat, grey, green and fancy mixtures; unbreakable peaks. Today's special, **\$1.65** each. —Main Floor

Cleaning Up the Balance of Our Toy Stocks

Commencing this morning and continuing the balance of the week, everything in mechanical toys, games, autos, wheel goods, dolls, etc., have received their marching orders. Many lines cut in half; everything marked at prices for quick clearance. —Lower Main Floor

Clearing Lines in the China Dept.

Cups and Saucers

Plain White Kermis shape Cups and Saucers, suitable for everyday use, in a fine English semi-porcelain. Extra special value for today's selling, each **25c**.

Teapots

The old-fashioned Brown Betty or Rockingham Ware Teapots in five or six cup size. Special at, each **55c**.

Tumblers

Nice medium weight colonial design Tumblers in good clear glass; suitable for everyday use. Regular \$3.25 a dozen. Today's special, per dozen **\$2.75**. —Lower Main Floor

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In a good English semi-porcelain with clover leaf design. Excellent value at, each **25c**.



A Clean-Up of Xmas Neckwear At Half Price

Including lace vestees with square front, round collar, trimmed with Valenciennes lace; and white broadcloth, organdie, net lace and Swiss lawn collars, in tuxedo and round shapes; also white collar and cuff sets in organdie, with hemstitched borders. All for speedy clearance today at

Half Price

—Main Floor

During the heavy rush of business previous to Xmas we find numerous lines of merchandise sold out in certain sizes. In accord with our usual custom, these are now classed as oddments, and we are now offering them at greatly reduced prices in order to clear

Georgette Crepe Blouses

Values to \$9.50
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A Clearing of Bathrobe Blankets

Only a limited number, but the choice of colorings is excellent. Complete with giraffe, neck cord and frogs. Regular \$8.50, for **\$6.75**
Regular \$10.75, for **\$8.50**. —Main Floor

Boys' Bathrobes, \$4.95

A large range of patterns to choose from, in a good quality of Lawrence blanket cloth; corded belt to match. Made in a good roomy, loose-fitting style. Values to \$6.75. Today's special, each **\$4.95**. —Main Floor

Two Big Clearing Lines From Our Ready-to-Wear Dept.

Mannish Tailored Coats at \$25.00

In velours and tweeds, in tailored models; loose style and belted; convertible collar; slip pockets; full and half lined. Come in shades of navy, black, brown, reindeer and tweeds. Values to \$39.50. Special clearing price, each **\$25.00**.

Silk and Wool Afternoon Dresses at \$23.95 Each

In good quality navy tricot and serge; straight tailored; lined; trimmed with cire braid; also colored trimming. Some Smart Silk Dresses in Canton crepe, messaline, in all the latest styles. Odd sizes. Values to \$39.50. Special **\$23.95** at, each. —2nd Floor



White Flannelette Gowns at \$1.29

Of good quality white flannelette, high neck and long sleeves; yoke in front, and trimmed with self ruffle. Special, **\$1.29** each. —2nd Floor

Children's Warm Comfy Bathrobes Special at \$2.49

Made of good quality eiderdown, in sky and pink; round collar and long sleeves, and silk cord girdle. Sizes 2, 4 and 6 years. Special for today's selling, **\$2.49** each. —2nd Floor

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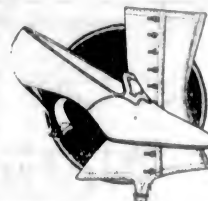
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Family Bags, strong and well lined, each **75c**. —Main Floor

Clearing Price on Women's Overgaiters

These Overgaiters are made by Church & Company, Northampton, from English box cloth of the highest grade. They are strictly tailored and leather bound. Colors include heaver, grey, fawn and sand. Special for today's selling, **\$2.95** per pair. —Main Floor



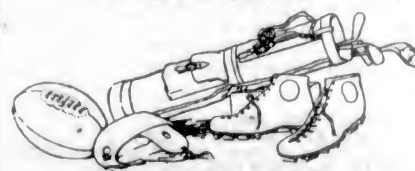
Men's Spats

Also made by Church & Co., in a selection of three seasonable shades. Special for today's selling, **\$2.75** per pair. —Main Floor

Ribbon Novelties and Ribbon Remnants at Half Their Marked Prices

Including Vanity Bags, Powder Puffs, Lingerie Clasp, Armlets, Garters, Boudoir Caps, Canteenets and a host of other useful articles suitable for New Year gifts. To sell today at half price. —Main Floor

A Big Clean-Up in Odd Lines of Golf Sticks



These Sticks are made by the Burke Golf Company and are one of their standard qualities. Regular price, each, \$5.00 and \$6.00. Clean-up price, **\$3.95**.

The famous "Arc" Golf Ball, "Raglet" Golf Balls; a good quality English ball at a reduced price. Each **40c**.
We also have a good stock of Spalding's, Dunlop's and Dimpel's Golf Balls, captive and parachute balls, gripwax, tape, etc. —Lower Main Floor

Burnt Leather Novelties at Half Price

Cushion Covers

Large square or oblong, with Indian heads. Regular \$8.50, for **\$4.25**
Regular \$6.50, for **\$3.25**

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Circular or square, green or tan leather. Regular 85c, for **43c**
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Tie Racks

In brown or green leather, different designs and sizes. Regular \$2.00, for **\$1.00**
Regular \$1.75, for **\$87c**
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Photo Albums

Small, medium and large sizes. Regular \$1.25, for **65c**
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Small, medium or large sizes. Regular 75c, for **37c**
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Regular \$1.25, for **65c**

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In all sizes, with draw cord or frame. Regular \$1.25, for **65c**
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Regular \$2.50, for **\$1.25**
Regular \$3.50, for **\$1.75**
Regular \$3.00, for **\$1.65**. —Main Floor

Photo Holders

In green or tan leather, for single or double photo. Regular \$1.00, for **50c**
Regular \$1.25, for **63c**
Regular \$1.75, for **87c**
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Women's and Misses' Tuxedo Sweater Coats at \$5.98 Each

In two-tone brushed wool; trimmed in plain shades of sage, emerald, purple and American Beauty. Sash girdle and pockets. Special **\$5.98** value. —2nd Floor



Brushed Wool Tams at \$1.59

In shades of paddy, henna, humming bird and white; border and pompon in contrasting shades. Special **\$1.59** today. —2nd Floor

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FREIGHT RATE HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN EAST

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—A general investigation in relation to the equalization of Eastern and Western freight rates will be heard by the Railway Commission at Halifax on January 17, at St. John, N.B., on January 19, and the final argument at Ottawa on February 15.

The matter came up before the board at hearings held during October and November at various Western cities, the application having been made by the Attorney-General of British Columbia.

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KIWANIANS RECEIVE

VISIT FROM SANTA

Club Holds Christmas Luncheon When Gift Distribution Takes Place—Gay Atmosphere at Gathering

Santa Claus visited the Kiwanis Club at noon yesterday in the Dominion Hotel, and business and professional men, wearing strange paper caps, obtained from non-bon interiors, went up to the front one by one to receive their present at the hands of the old gentleman who, in remarks he gave with his gifts, showed a knowledge of the men who received the bounties of his big basket.

A Christmas tree, lavishly decorated, stood in the corner of the dining-room, where the club members forgot their dignity and made merry like a crowd of boys. Whistles, bonbons, nuts, etc., added a holiday atmosphere. Hunter, and choruses heartily sung enlivened the gathering, which concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The attendance prize for the best gift was given by Kiwanian A. Maharey. Kiwanian D. Spence was chairman at the luncheon.

HOLIDAY FUNCTION

ATTRACTS HUNDREDS

Boxing Day Dance Held by Community Concert Committee of Fifth Regiment Proved Great Success

The Boxing Day dance held in the new Drill Hall on Monday evening by the Community Concert Committee of the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., proved in every way to be an unequalled success and was patronized by over eight hundred persons, including a number of petty officers and men of H. M. S. Raleigh, who greatly enjoyed themselves at the last social function they were able to attend in Victoria.

Dancing commenced at 9 p.m. and continued until 1 a.m. The Fifth Regiment Band, under the able conductorship of Bandmaster Albert Kumbly, provided a programme of dance numbers which made an irresistible appeal to the large throng of dancers. The majority of the selections were heartily enjoyed, and the many couples did full justice to the attractive programme rendered during the evening.

Vocal solos by Mr. William Marshall, Mr. Ernest Impett, and Mr. Oboe were greatly enjoyed by the large audience, which warmly applauded the various artists' efforts. A buffet supper was served at 11 o'clock, the catering arrangements being under the personal direction of Mr. Percy P. Payne. Fruit punch and lemonade were also served throughout the evening.

The function was held by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. R. A. Robertson, D.S.O., O.C. the Fifth Regiment, C.G.A., and officers of the unit. A large number of those who usually patronize the regular week-end entertainments which the Community Concert Committee promotes attended the Boxing Day dance and voiced it a unanimous success.

The following members of the regiment are largely responsible for the successful nature of Monday night's function: Major G. G. Alken, R.M. S. Frank Hatcher, B.S.M., Sidney B. Bowden, B.S.M., Woodhouse, Sergt. Anderson, Corporal A. E. Prescott, Corporal A. E. McIntyre and Bandman Sala.

CIVIC SUPPER WILL

BE HELD BY GYROS

Members of 1922 Council, School Board and Police Commission to Be Club's Guests on Tuesday

Commencing a year of active interest in civic affairs, the Victoria Gyro Club will have as its guests at a civic supper, to be held in the Criterion Cabaret, next Tuesday evening, the members of the 1922 City Council, School Board and Police Commission. On behalf of the organization, President Harold Beckwith will set forth the Club's desire to assist in civic matters and go to be of use to the civic administrators. Mayor Marchant will reply.

The supper is to commence at 6:15 and will conclude in time to allow the members of the Council to be at the City Hall by 8 o'clock for their first Council meeting of the year. A violin solo by Gyro Frank Fredericks, and selections by the Gyro orchestra will be the musical items on the evening's programme.

Through its Civic Affairs Committee the Gyro Club has been taking considerable interest this year in municipal matters, and has staged two campaigns, one to get more names on the civic voters' list, and the other to get the public to use their votes and to take an interest in civic affairs. The club is an organization of young business and professional men.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

DISPUTE IN COURT

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The Supreme Court today denied the motion of the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society for an injunction to restrain the directors of the First Church of Christ (Scientist) from removing the trustees.

The court recently held that the directors had power to remove trustees. The trustees said they did not desire to hold office, but desired to lay down their trust in an orderly manner under the court's jurisdiction.

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The Mid-Winter Clearance Sale of Women's and Children's Apparel and Millinery

Continues Today

A sale worthy of the attention of economical shoppers. Both Women's and Children's Wear Sections are concerned as well as the Millinery Shop. The prices are now lower than heretofore, great reductions having been made. Shop early during this sale, you will be well repaid by doing so.

WOMEN'S AND MISSES' PLAIN AND FUR-TRIMMED SUITS

High-Grade Serge and Tricotine Suits, in navy, sand, grey, beaver and burgundy. Reduced to clear at \$15.00, \$25.00, \$45.00, \$49.50, \$59.50 and \$69.50 each.

High-Grade Fur-Trimmed Suits; the best of the season's models, fashioned from broadcloths and velours. Specially reduced to clear at HALF PRICE. Sale prices are \$34.75 to \$99.25 each.

WOMEN'S AND MISSES' COATS

Trench Coats of all-wool covert cloth and gaberdine, are half lined, and wonderful value at the sale price, \$29.50 each.

Trench Coats of all-wool covert cloth and gaberdine. Sale Price, \$39.50 each.

Burberry and Ranelagh Coats, smart belted models. Excellent color effect tweeds. Sale Price, \$39.50 each.

Ranelagh Coats, in smart tweed mixtures. Sale Price, \$49.50 each.

Ranelagh and Burberry Coats, smart styles and colors. Sale Price, \$59.50 each.

High-Grade Burberry Coats, an unusual offering. Sale Price, \$75.00 each.

CLOTH COATS—PLAIN AND FUR-TRIMMED

Blanket Cloth and Tweed Coats in a good assortment of color effects and styles, grouped in three lots at \$9.75, \$15.00 and \$19.50 each.

High-Grade Velour and Bolivia Cloth and Marvella Cloth Coats, the choicest of this season's models. Colors include brown, navy, taupe, grey. Some are plain, others are trimmed with fur.

Now grouped to clear at \$29.50, \$39.50, \$49.50, \$59.50, \$69.50, \$79.50, \$105.00 and \$112.00 each.

Women's and Misses' Serge and Tricotine

Dresses

A wonderful collection of the smartest models imaginable. Styles, qualities and prices are such as will appeal to those who seek better than usual values. The trimmings consist of silk braids, beads, silk embroidery, silks and duvetyne. These have been placed in the following groups and greatly reduced to clear at \$9.50, \$15.00, \$25.00, \$39.50, \$55.00, \$69.50 and \$79.50 each.

Women's and Misses' Skirts

12 only, Silk Poplin Skirts, in navy, black and taupe; have pockets and are belted. Priced to clear at \$4.95 each.

12 only, Black Taffeta Skirts. Priced to clear at \$5.95 each.

14 only, All-Wool Plaid Pleated Skirts, in smart styles and colors. Priced to clear at \$7.05 each.

20 only, Black Satin and Tricotelette Skirts, trimmed with buttons; some have pockets and are belted; all are belted. Priced to clear at \$12.75 each.

Women's and Misses' Silk Frocks

Included are models developed in fine qualities of Taffeta, Satin, Crepe de Chine and Georgette combination effects; colors are navy, black, sand, brown, grey, Copenhagen and taupe, grouped to clear at \$15.00, \$25.00, \$35.00, \$45.00, \$55.00, \$69.50.

—Drysdale's Women's and Misses' Garment Shop, First Floor

Children's Coats, Dresses and Hats at Most Extraordinary Low Prices

DRESSES

Children's All-Wool Serge Dresses in sailor style, collars and cuffs are trimmed with red or white braid; have pleated skirts, and are for 4 years of age only. Sale Price, \$4.95 each.

"Sailor Maid" Dresses of fine quality navy serge; collars and cuffs are trimmed with red, white or black braid. The skirts are box or knife pleated; are for ages 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Sale Prices are \$6.95, \$8.95, \$10.95 and \$11.95 each.

COATS

The entire stock of Children's Coats at one-third off regular prices.

This includes smart belted styles with velvet collars or trimmed with self color silk stitching; are made of blanket cloth and chinchilla, in navy and brown, for ages 3, 4 and 5 years. Sale Prices are \$5.75, \$6.50 and \$8.25 each.

Warm Blanket Cloth Coats, have box pleat effect at back, large collars, and come in brown and Copenhagen only. Sizes 8, 10 and 12 only. Sale Prices are \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$16.25 each.

Smart Velour Coats with fur collars, lined and interlined. Come in fawn, Adriatic and cerise. For ages 4 and 6 years only. Sale Prices are \$13.00, \$14.50 and \$19.75 each.

HATS

Children's Colored Velvet Hats in many styles, trimmed with band and bow of ribbon or finished with silk stitching in contrasting colors; shown in navy, brown, sage, taupe and black. Also a few Black Plush Hats with bands of corded ribbon. Sale Price, \$1.95 each.

Black Plush Hats, have slightly rolled stiff brims, are trimmed with bands and ends of corded ribbon. Also different styles in Velvet Hats in shades of brown, navy and black. Sale Price, \$3.95 each.

—Drysdale's Children's Wear Shop, Main Floor

Sweaters, Petticoats and House Dresses at Extraordinary Reductions

Cotton Print House Dresses, in wanted styles. Sale price, 75¢ each.

Cotton Print House Dresses, in a wonderful variety of styles and color effects. Sale price, \$1.00 each. Short Kimonos of French Delaines; these are in flowered effects. Sale price, \$1.50 each.

Short Kimonos, of good quality cotton crepe. Sale price, \$2.50 each.

Short Eiderdown Kimonos, in shades of red, pink, mauve and blue. Sale price, \$3.50 each.

Full-Length Cotton Crepe Kimonos, in shades of navy, grey, red, sage, pink and mauve. Sale price, \$5.50 each.

Knitted Wool Sweaters, in pink, blue and Nile; have belts and pockets. Sale price, \$4.95 each.

Jersey Cloth Sweaters, in heather mixtures of sand, brown and rose; are belted, have pockets, and are on sale at \$7.50 each.

ALL OTHER LINES OF SWEATERS, PETTI-COATS, HOUSE DRESSES, KIMONOS AND NEGLIGES, ON SALE AT 20% DISCOUNT.

Our Entire Stock of Women's High Grade Hats at Half Price and Less

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SPORTING NEWS

Amateur Hockey Teams Now Evenly Balanced

Amateur Teams Are Given Big Shake-Up

Managers of Four Clubs in Conference Yesterday Decide to Make Drastic Changes to Balance Teams—Fast and Interesting Battles Should Be Staged Tonight

Tonight's Games

Senators vs. G.W.V.A.
Garrison vs. Elks

Amateur hockey in Victoria will be speeded up about a hundred per cent, and competition among the various clubs will be made as keen as a razor blade by a drastic and sweeping shake-up of players decided upon at a long conference of team managers yesterday afternoon.

As announced to The Colonist after this conference last night, the four senior clubs will fire up for their games at the arena tonight, and in future games this season this way—

Senators: Straith, D. Smith, Cook, H. Smith, Dieldel, Market, Murray, Glazen.

Great War Veterans: H. Copas, Wickson, R. Copas, Dowd, Dudley, Miller, Jacklin.

Elks: H. Stewart, Burnett, George, McDonald, Temple, Hewer, Fraser.

Garrison: Englesham, Allen, Codville, Rivard, J. Stewart, Tuckwell, Matthews, Fitzsimmons.

The managers of the four teams went into conference yesterday determined to give the fans four aggressive teams as evenly matched as it was humanly possible to make them. On paper it looks as if they had succeeded. Tonight's games under the new line-up should demonstrate this success. The managers recognized that too much strength had been concentrated at the beginning of this season in one place—the camp of those perpetual champions, the Senators. This was all right for the Senators, but it was not good for amateur hockey. Competition has been seriously dulled by this concentration of talent because the other teams could not keep up with the Senators' pace. With the team with which they started the season the Senators could hardly help stalling on to victory again with ease. Just as they have done time and again before. It was too much of a good thing from the fans' point of view.

No one wanted to spoil the Senators' chances. That was not the idea at all. But, like a dead game sport, Manager Alex Straith, wise pilot of the Senators, perceiving the situation and desiring, above all, to promote the good of hockey as a whole, came out flat-footed for a shakeup and offered to release some of his players to the other less fortunate teams.

At yesterday's conference Alex and the other managers got their heads together with one single object—to form four teams which would make competition as scorching as a midsummer day on the equator.

Will Benefit Game
"We have adjusted the teams in such a way that the league and hockey can't help but benefit," Manager Straith declared after the new lineup had been announced. "Our team is weakened, but we still intend to go right after the championship again. It will mean a big fight from now on. However, that is just what we want—a hard fight, an uncertain fight all the way. The four teams as they stand now will make such a fight certain. So far as it is possible to judge from past performance no team will be able to shoot ahead and maintain its lead indefinitely. From now on it is anyone's championship, though, of course, the Senators intend to battle harder than ever, now that they have lost three of their strongest men, to bring home the bacon again this year. Each and every game should be a battle royal from start to finish. The change will be a mighty good thing for hockey here, I believe."

The Senators, it will be noted, have lost Wickson, Dowd and Burnett—a big jolt to their machinery, and a sufficient warning-out to bring them right down to even terms with the other teams. In the place of these three doughty veterans the Senators get Cook and Market, of the Veterans, and Murray, of the Elks, and Glazen, of the Garrison. Just how the Senators will line up tonight hasn't been decided last night. D. Smith and Cook will probably compose the defence, but the exact composition of the forward line is still in doubt. The Senators will still have a good team, possibly a champion team, but they won't be able to just walk away with a single victory. The loss of Wickson, Dowd and Burnett is unquestionably serious to them.

Veterans Strengthened
Under the new arrangement the War Vets will trot out a nifty outfit. With

the Elks also needed strength and they have got it in the form of Burnett, the defence pivot of the Senators' machine, and Fraser, of the Garrison. Just how the Elks will arrange things now they have Burnett with them will be decided during the day. The players haven't had a chance to talk things over since the new line-up was released last night like the proverbial bolt from the blue. It is possible that several of the boys have left town and the new arrangement was arrived at accordingly.

First Trial Tonight
Tonight's games will go under fire for the first time. It will be interesting to see how they work in their new harness. As far as one can judge on paper, the games should go with a whirlwind rush unless anything has been seen in amateur hockey this year. Every team will have to fight, and fight hard, for an advantage. And, besides, the sweeping changes brought about by the managers' conference yesterday has put new heart into the teams which haven't been on top. The lads who have been battling against heavy odds are a big chance now for grabbing the season's honors. Any team now may come out on top. For this reason the boys who have been fighting gamely with losing teams will jump back into the fray tonight crammed full of enthusiasm.

It means a lot to the players, but it means even more to the fans. From now on, unless the dopsters are a mile off the track, hockey followers will be treated to two red hot amateur matches every week. As a result of the good sportsmanship of Alex Straith and the other managers, amateur hockey will be revitalized tonight. The managers saw the need for courageous action and something drastic was done.

GIVENCHY COMING TO YARROWS FOR REPAIR

The Canadian Government patrol steamer Givenchy is expected here tomorrow, or any day thereafter from Vancouver, to be repaired and overhauled by Yarrows, Limited.

The vessel was wrecked early in September at Haven Cove, near Bella Bella, and was later raised and brought to Vancouver. Following the survey of the vessel tenders were invited, the bids being placed in the hands of the Government last month. It was made public at the time that Yarrows was the low tender and that the ship would come to Esquimalt for repair, but no official word was forthcoming for some time. The local yard has now been informed, however, that they are to do the work, and the vessel will arrive this week.

The interior of the ship is believed to have suffered the most damage through her submersion. The engine-room will need considerable attention, as will the woodwork and the furnishings. The figure is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

PLACING ORDERS FOR CHINESE RIVER BOATS

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Orders for the construction of a fleet of boats to ply on the Yangtze-Kiang River will be placed on this coast shortly. P. H. an Meter, of Shanghai, arrived here yesterday on the Empress of Russia with a commission to negotiate for the construction of a number of 118-foot flat-bottomed paddle steamers, similar in type to those which play on the Yuku River, Szechuan, already doing business on the Yangtze-Kiang, said Mr. Van Meter, are unusable in winter traffic, which must encounter low waters and rapids and other difficulties in navigation.

Canadian charity has saved the natives of Labrador from death by famine this winter.

MISS WELLBURN WINS THE CHRISTMAS SWIM

Brother Tom, Who Was Last Year's Winner, Made Fast Time, But Could Not Beat the Handicap

As a result of Monday morning's 50 yards handicap swimming race, staged by the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club at their headquarters at the George, the Christmas swim championship remains in the Wellburn family. Tom Wellburn, who won the event last year, came third. He had to give a heavy handicap to the other competitors this time, and, although he made the fastest time over the course, he was unable to overcome the start, and his sister, Gracie Wellburn, won the race, with Peter Jackson second. There were four other starters, namely: W. Barrett, W. Stanton, Mrs. Mennell and E. Burd.

The thermometer registered 41 degrees Fahrenheit, when the race started, and the water was just one degree colder than the air.

There was a big crowd of spectators to see the event, and the arrangements for the race were all that could be desired. Medals were presented to the first three, and Miss Gracie Wellburn also received the Harbord Challenge Cup, the prize presentation being made by Capt. Harbord.

The following officers were elected: President, A. H. Cox (Wellburn Bros.); secretary, William McAllister (Colonist); and executive committee, F. LeRoy, president and secretary.

A committee was appointed to interview Lester W. Patrick, manager of the Arena Company, immediately, and try to come to some arrangement for the rental of the rink. It was pointed out that at the present time only late hours were available. The committee will report back to a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening next.

Applications to enter the league are to be in the hands of Secretary McAllister before the meeting next week. It is requested that all teams who are making an application to enter should have a representative present at the next meeting. Applications must be accompanied by the registration fee of \$1.50, list of prospective players and club colors. All clubs entering must have players on file. Clubs are to finance themselves.

The question of allowing players of the Senior League to play in the Commercial League was discussed, but nothing definite was decided upon.

The constitution of the Victoria Senior Amateur Hockey Association was adopted by the meeting.

Those who attended last evening's meeting were—Victoria Newspapers: William McAllister, Norman Grace, Eagles: F. LeRoy, H. Hanbury, G. Hennie, G. Roy, Alex Straith, Weller Bros.: A. H. Cox; Civil Service: A. L. Toulson; and B.C. Leather: R. Paxton.

Mr. Percy Watson, president of the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, acted as chairman of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday night next at the Toggery Shop, Douglas Street, at 8 o'clock.

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Ricker, Seattle 1 2 3
Foyston, Seattle 3 0 3
Klinner, Vancouver 3 0 3
Hadden, Victoria 1 1 2
C. Loughlin, Victoria 1 1 2
W. Loughlin, Victoria 1 1 2
Morris, Seattle 1 1 2
Fraser, Seattle 1 1 2
Parks, Vancouver 1 0 1
Johnson, Victoria 0 1 1
Meekling, Victoria 0 1 1
Belles, Seattle 1 1 1
Rowe, Seattle 0 0 0
Duncan, Vancouver 0 1 0

Hockey in Manitoba

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—Selkirk took a commanding lead in the Manitoba senior hockey series when they won their third straight victory by disposing of Winnipeg 10-4, tonight.

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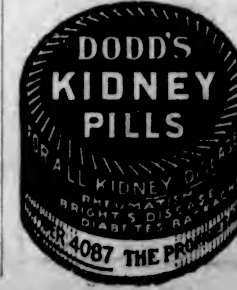
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SWISS HOCKEY TEAM BEATEN BY OXFORD

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Oxford University's ice hockey team defeated the Swiss national team by 5-3 today, according to a cable from Rugby's correspondent at Murren, Switzerland. The conditions for the hockey match were perfect, the ice being very fast. A cable from Murren on December 27 stated that Oxford, represented wholly by Canadians, defeated Cambridge 27-0.

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MOOSE JAW ASKS ADMITTANCE
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WINS FROM STANFORDHuge Crowd Sees Canadian
Students' Rugby Team De-
feat Visitors From California
by Eight to Nil

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—The University of British Columbia Rugby team scored a decisive victory over the Stanford fifteen yesterday afternoon at Brockton Point, winning by eight points to nil. There was a crowd of some 800 to see the game, and the visiting students were given a great reception in true "Varsity style" by their rivals of the Canadian side, college yells and college colors being very much in evidence, while after the match the winners were carried shoulder high to the dressing room and a snake dance and parade of wildly excited students followed.

It was a good fast game all through and hard fought, but better kicking by the backs was what brought victory to the home side. The B.C. men also appeared to be in rather better condition than the visitors. The encouragement given by the large crowd of students in the stands and on the sidelines may also have had something to do with the superiority shown by the locals.

The Stanford men were unable to cross the Vancouver line once. Pen-will and Gross scored the tries for the B.C. University, and Val Gwyther converted the first.

MILLIONAIRES SCORE
THEIR SECOND WINDefeat Aristocrats by Odd Goal
in Monday's League Game
—"Freddie" Scores Twice
for Victoria

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Vancouver climbed back into the chase after the elusive goalpost in the Pacific Coast Hockey Association yesterday afternoon, when they defeated Victoria 2 goals to 1, in the first afternoon puck battle ever staged here.

In defeating the Aristocrats, erstwhile league leaders, the champions crawled from behind, scoring all three goals after the Capitals had got off to a two-goal lead. The Millionaires got one back in the first chapter and waited off with the same in the second session with two chapters, while the visitors were held scoreless for the two remaining periods.

It was the first display of the season on local ice. Both teams, at full strength, battled at top speed from start to finish, enlivening the record crowd with their dash and brilliant, smart combination rushes, accurate shooting and dashing stick-handling. With the exception of a few minutes in the second period, the pace was terrific. There was more combination served up in five minutes of the first session than in any previous game.

Fed up on good old Christmas tur-

key, the puckchasers unlimbered themselves at the outset and their speed and all-round good play had the multitude on edge throughout. There was little to choose between the rival squads, but the Millionaires, on the afternoon's play, were good for more goals than the appended summary indicates. Vast improvement was noticeable in their play, and, after several disastrous starts, they came through with a puck-chasing performance that roused the big crowd to a high pitch of enthusiasm, and bore out previous forecasts that they had hit the stride that carried them to a championship last year. Victoria played good hockey, just as effective and dashing as on their last appearance, but the Millionaires went them one better.

Frederickson's first goal, in thirty seconds, followed by another ten minutes later, appeared to have paved the way for another Victoria win, but the champions, settling into their stride, soon had the count tied, and not long after notched the winning goal of a wildly-exciting contest into which were crowded thrilling plays galore, a lot of hard checking, solo dashes bordering on the sensational, and which reminded the old-timers of the performance of Tommy Phillips, Frank Patrick and St. Griggs when these veterans were the class of hockeydom.

The teams went scoreless in the last period. The champions had the edge on the run of play, but Victoria came dangerously close to tying the game up half a dozen times. Victoria, however, tried to win by playing four men on the defence, and individual rushes had little effect on the Vancouver inner defence.

It was the seventh match in ten to be decided by a one-goal margin. Vancouver still reposes in the cellar, but only a couple of points behind Victoria. Seattle is heading the parade. In the race for individual honors in scoring, Frank Frederickson increased his lead. He picked off two nice goals. Skinner, Mackay and Harris scored for Vancouver.

The Line-Up
Vancouver Position Victoria
Lehman Goal Fowler
Cook Defence W. Loughlin
Duncan Defence C. Loughlin
Adams Forward Johnson
Skinner Forward Oatman
Harris Forward Dundersdale
Madame Forward Frederickson
Tobin Reserve McKee
Parks Reserve Halderon
Goals—First period: 1, Victoria, Frederickson, 35 seconds; 2, Victoria, Frederickson, from Dundersdale, 12:27; 3, Vancouver, Skinner, 2:46. Second period: 4, Vancouver, Harris, from Duncan, 4:45; 5, Vancouver, Mackay, from Adams, 7:46. Third period: No score.

Substitutions—First period: Vancouver, Parks for Harris; Tobin for Lehman. Second period: Vancouver, Skinner for Tobin; Harris for Parks; Tobin for Skinner; Parks for Tobin. Victoria, Halderon for Oatman. McKee for Dundersdale. Third period: Vancouver, Parks for Mackay. Victoria, Harris for J. Spicer.

Penalties—First period, none. Second period: Vancouver, Skinner 2 minutes; penalty shot awarded Victoria. Third period: None.

Death of Bishop Grace
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Thomas Grace, for more than 35 years bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Sacramento, died here today after an illness of several months. He was 81 years of age.

Spain's failure to recognize the Sultan made all the trouble in Morocco, declares a French official.

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Must Be Recognized as a
Serious Menace to Health.

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The word "cold" means an acute infection of the lining membranes of the nose, throat, tonsils and larger bronchial tubes. The "cold" may be even more extensive and amount to a general infection of the entire body. All of the breathing apparatus, excepting the smaller portions of the lungs, may become involved, and, as a matter of fact, the disease may, and often does, spread to these, thus producing pneumonia.

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SPORTING NEWS

Weilers and Clerks
Win Wednesday SoccerWEILERS WIN THEIR
GAME WITH GARRISONRetail Clerks Are Victorious
Over Spencer's in Other
Wednesday League Match
—Rest Beat Native Sons

The two Wednesday league soccer games played on Monday resulted in favor of Weilers and the Retail Clerks, the former defeating the Garrison by two to nothing, and the latter getting the better of Spencer's by four to nothing. The league leaders, although having a good hard game by the Garrison, were never really in danger of dropping the points, and played a good game on the hard ground, which kept the ball lively.

In the Spencer's vs. Retail Clerks game the former fielded only nine men, and were two short throughout the game. Spencer's stood little chance of averting defeat.

The benefit game played at the Royal Athletic Park in the morning was not highly successful from the point of view of the beneficiary, as there was but a poor crowd out to see the game. The Native Sons were undertaking the task of meeting the Rest of the league and had to admit defeat by four to two. The game was put on for the benefit of Sid Sherritt, the Victoria West captain, who has incurred big hospital bills through injuries received on the field this season. The Native Sons started with three of their team absent—Hayland, Brynjolfsson and Taylor. Tucker, James and English lined in for them after the game had been started a short while. The Rest opened the scoring with three goals in rapid succession, and the Native Sons were nil at half-time. Sherritt arrived just before the interval to make the eleven for the Native Sons.

Merrifield scored the four goal for the Rest just after the interval. The second half was more interesting than the first and Leeming, in goal for the Rest, had plenty of work to do. The teams were as follows:

Native Sons—Shandley, Whyte, Shrimpton, English, Baker, McKenzie, John Cummins, Pettigrew, Geo. Allen, J. Peden and T. James.

Rest—Leeming, Church, Copas, Roe, Allan, Porter, Cummins, Merrifield, Bloom, Muir and Clarkson.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Results of league soccer games played on Monday follow:

English League
First Division
Arsenal 0, Cardiff City 0.
Blackburn 2, Preston 0.
Huddersfield 2, Manchester City 0.
Liverpool 1, Newcastle United 0.
Manchester United 0, Burnley 1.
Middlesbrough 0, Chelsea 1.
Oldham 0, Bolton 0.
Sheffield United 2, Aston Villa 3.
Sunderland 0, Everton 0.
Tottenham 1, Bristol City 0.
West Bromwich 1, Birmingham 0.

Second Division
Barnsley 1, Bristol City 1.
Blackpool 2, Leicester City 0.
Bradford 2, Clapton 1.
Bury 0, West Ham United 1.
Cardiff City 0, South Shields 1.
Crystal Palace 1, North County 0.
Fulham 2, Stoke 1.
Hull City 0, Rotherham 1.
Leeds 1, The Wednesday 1.
Notts Forest 0, Wolverhampton 0.
Portsmouth 1, Derby County 1.
Third Division—Northern Section
Barnsley 2, Rotherham 0.
Grimsby 2, Chesterfield 2.
Lincoln City 0, Darlington 2.
Nelson 3, Durham 0.
Rotherham 1, Accrington 1.
Staleybridge 1, Hartlepool 3.
Stockport 0, Halifax 0.
Tranmere 2, Wrexham 3.
Wrexham 3, Wigan 2.

Third Division—Southern Section
Brentford 2, Reading 1.
Bristol 1, Brighton 2.
Charlton 2, Norwich City 1.
Exeter City 0, Plymouth 2.
Gillingham 3, Northampton 2.
Merthyr 1, Swansea 0.
Millwall 1, Newport County 1.
Queens Park 2, Southampton 2.
South End 2, Portsmouth 2.
Swindon 1, Luton Town 1.
Walsall 2, Reading 0.

Scottish League
Hearts 1, Kilmarnock 0.
Rangers 2, Dundee 1.
Third Lanark 3, Norton 1.

Northern Union Rugby
Hull Kingston 4, Hull 15.
Leeds 18, Huddersfield 11.
Nottingham 10, Wakefield 7.
Rochdale 17, Keighley 5.
York 24, Bradford 6.

Rugby Results
Royal Air Force 15, Harlequins 0.
Richmond 3, Blackheath 16.
Roxburgh Park 8, Edinburgh W. 3.
Swansea 2, Cross Keys 6.
Gloucester 23, Old Merchant Tailors 0.
Llanelli 6, London Welsh 0.
Newport 12, Watlington 0.
Bristol 44, Northampton 6.
Leicester 11, Birkenhead Park 3.
Pontypool 17, Abercrombie 0.
Bath 10, Mountain Nash 10.
Aberavon 19, London Irish 0.
Cheltenham 3, Rugby 0.
Neath 12, Ebbw Vale 0.

Yesterday's Results
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Results of league soccer games played in the Old Country today follow:

English League
First Division
Aston Villa 5, Sheffield United 3.
Birmingham 0, West Bromwich 2.
Bradford 0, Tottenham H. 4.
Burnley 4, Manchester U. 5.
Chelsea 1, Middlesbrough 1.
Cardiff City 4, Arsenal 1.
Liverpool 2, Huddersfield 0.
Preston N. E. 3, Blackburn R. 1.

Weaverhampton 2, Nottingham F. 0.
Third Division—Northern Section
Accrington Stanley 2, Ashington 0.
Barnow 2, Stockport 1.
Chesterfield 4, Grimsby Town 1.
Halifax Town 1, Stockport 0.
Lincoln City 3, Durham C. 0.
Rochdale 2, Crewe 0.
Staleybridge Celtic 2, Nelson 0.
Tranmere 1, Hartlepool U. 2.
Walsall 2, Wrexham 2.
Third Division—Southern Section
Aberdare 2, Brentford 0.
Brighton & H. 2, Bristol R. 1.
Luton Town 2, Swindon 1.
Newport C. 1, Millwall 2.
Northampton 3, Gillingham 1.
Warwick City 2, Charlton A. 0.
Plymouth A. 0, Exeter 0.
Portsmouth 4, South End U. 0.
Reading 2, Walsall 1.
Southampton 1, Queens Park R. 1.
Swansea Town 1, Merthyr Town 2.

Northern Union Rugby
Barnow 4, Featherston 2.
Bath 17, Leigh 6.
Bewbury 5, Batley 11.
Broughton 4, Oldham 8.
Halifax 0, Huddersfield 11.
Salford 4, Swinton 2.
St. Helens 5, Wigan 5.
Leeds 13, Warrington 100 miles.
Wakefield Trinity 7, Dewsbury 2.
Widnes 3, Warrington 6.

Rugby Union
Cardiff 6, London Welsh 6.
Northampton 10, Old Edwardian 10.
Bath 3, Gloucester 13.
Bristol 11, Pontypool 3.
Leicester 25, Barbarians 10.
Neath 23, Swansea 10.
Newport 26, Ebbw Vale 0.
Percy Park 3, Royal High School 3.
Cheltenham 0, Mountain Ash 15.
Manchester 13, Huddersfield 2.
Devonport Services 3, Plymouth Albion 7.

Northern Union Rugby
Broughton 17, Hull 6.
Bewbury 5, Batley 11.
Huddersfield 0, Halifax 11.
Hull Kingston 13, St. Helens Rec. 5.
Hunslet 1, Salford 5.
Leeds 13, Warrington 100 miles.
Wakefield 12, York 2.
Widnes 8, Australians 0.

VICTORIA SCHOONER
DESTROYED BY FIRECrew Pulled Three Days to
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the Equator—Reached Here
on Board Russia

The crew, ten men in all, of the four-ton schooner David Evans, destroyed by fire at Victoria, B.C., on the island of Timor, in the Dutch East Indies, reached here from Hongkong aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia Monday morning.

The vessel was well known here and was, in fact, registered at this port. It was captained by J. Spicer, and was in the service of the British India Line. Spicer, who was in the vessel when it was destroyed, said that the vessel was carrying a cargo of rubber and other goods, and that it was on its way to Hongkong when it was destroyed.

The vessel was destroyed by fire on the morning of October 19, and the crew was stranded on the island of Timor. Spicer said that the vessel was carrying a cargo of rubber and other goods, and that it was on its way to Hongkong when it was destroyed.

Three Days in Small Boats
The two boats were three days and three nights at sea with oar and sail before land was reached. The weather fortunately was calm throughout, but the heat during the daylight hours was terrific. They were eight degrees below the equator and the scorching sun sapped the vitality of the men, unable in the open boats to protect themselves from the rays. On reaching here Monday some were still feeling the effects of the experience.

The two boats became separated during the first night, but eventually both reached the shores of Timor within thirty miles of each other. Spicer said that the vessel was carrying a cargo of rubber and other goods, and that it was on its way to Hongkong when it was destroyed.

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CORDIONS ARE POPULAR

The accordion, long forgotten, has suddenly come into fashion again in Paris. It is now heard in the halls of the suburbs and in many of the more popular quarters. All the expensive bars and restaurants have adopted it. There is no good orchestra in which this popular instrument with bellows does little harm to the tune with the roar of the jazz instruments. The expert players of the accordion are paid royally. Few in number, practicing their prices are too high for many of the jazz proprietors.

Who would have said, ten years ago, that the poor relative of the organ would once more come into its own? Perhaps the barrel organ will be the next to jump into popularity.

Astronomers will meet in Rome next April to reform the calendar and try to select a fixed date for Easter. Forty-three disasters have called for emergency relief by American Red Cross since the close of the war.

MEDALS READY FOR
MERCANTILE SERVICEBritish War and Mercantile
Marine Medals Being Dis-
tributed—Memorial Plaques
and Scroll for Next-of-Kin

British War Medals and Mercantile Marine Medals are now ready for distribution, according to official announcement from Ottawa by A. Johnston, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Members of the mercantile marine who have already received the ribbons and the authority authorizing them to wear same, should apply for the medals to the officer from whom they received the ribbons, namely, the Agent of Marine and Fisheries Department, Office of Examiner of Masters and Mates, or direct to the Marine and Fisheries Department at Ottawa, enclosing the authority.

The British War Medals and Mercantile Marine Medals are also by deceased officers, and women of the mercantile marine are called by for distribution. Legatees or next-of-kin should apply for the necessary forms to the same officers as enumerated above.

The following notes has been issued regarding Memorial Plaques and Scrolls by the department:

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to sanction a memorial being presented to the next-of-kin of members of the Mercantile Marine who have lost their lives through enemy action while serving on British ships and to the next-of-kin of British members of the crews of neutral or Allied vessels under the direct control of the Admiralty or the Ministry shipping who have lost their lives through enemy action while serving on such vessels between the 4th August, 1914, and the 11th November, 1918.

The Plaque and Scroll are to be given in respect of: Those who lost their lives through enemy action while serving in any of the capacities referred to above; those who died subsequently when their death is proved to be attributable to enemy action.

The recipient is to be the blood next-of-kin of the deceased. There is no question of legal succession to the Plaque and Scroll. They will not be issued to a legal heir, but will in preference to the next-of-kin. The order of the next-of-kin is laid down as follows: Widow or widower, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister, eldest surviving half-brother, eldest surviving half-sister, paternal grandfather, paternal grandmother, maternal grandfather, maternal grandmother, eldest surviving niece, eldest surviving nephew, eldest surviving uncle, eldest surviving aunt, eldest surviving cousin, eldest surviving son-in-law, eldest surviving daughter-in-law, eldest surviving brother-in-law, eldest surviving sister-in-law, eldest surviving nephew-in-law, eldest surviving niece-in-law, eldest surviving cousin-in-law, eldest surviving son-in-law-in-law, eldest surviving daughter-in-law-in-law, eldest surviving brother-in-law-in-law, eldest surviving sister-in-law-in-law, eldest surviving nephew-in-law-in-law, eldest surviving niece-in-law-in-law, eldest surviving cousin-in-law-in-law.

In the case of children, the memorials will be issued to their guardians to hold in custody. Cases of no relatives where no living relatives can be traced the Plaque and Scroll may be issued: To any person who renounces his or her rights in the deceased, if he or she desires them; In this category may be included step-parents, governors of orphanages, companionate institutions, etc.; To the beneficiaries of the deceased, if the claim is supported by adequate evidence. Such claims, if approved, would take precedence over governors of orphanages, companionate institutions, etc., but not over a person who has adopted "in loco parentis."

Applications should in all cases be made to the proper authorities which can be obtained from the Agent of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Examiners of Masters and Mates, or direct from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.

CUSTOMS INSPECTOR
DENIES SEATTLE STORYJ. H. Miller Says Report of
British Tars Being Employed
in Submarine Chasers Is
Imagination

Recent reports from Seattle, stating that the Canadian Customs Department is planning to put some fast power boats into service, manned by British tars and gunners "who had operated on submarine chasers in the North Sea during the war, in order to put an end to the liquor piracy along the coast of British Columbia," has been described as pure imagination by Mr. J. H. Miller, inspector of customs and excise in this city.

The report, which first appeared in Seattle papers, stated that Mr. Miller and other officers had been investigating several varieties of fast boats which the Canadian Government wished to purchase for the purpose of running down the liquor pirates. The only object of the inspectors of customs and excise in visiting Seattle was to consult with the American authorities with regard to co-operating in the work of ending the smuggling.

Incidentally, the matter of fast power boats was looked into, and some types of power boats examined. Most of the boats which are now operating in the liquor running business in Puget Sound are fast deep-water boats with a speed of about sixteen knots, and the only boats suited to run them down are the submarine chasers used during the war, says Mr. Miller. "But there is little intention, as far as I know, of putting a fleet of them into commission, manned by British tars."

"Avon," "Dunlop 1.62," "Birdie," "Biske," "Parachute," "Wright & Ditson 30," "Manor," "National" and "Dunlop Floaters."

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Domestic Note Circulation
OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Domestic notes in circulation on December 19 totalled \$237,312,726. They were covered by gold to the amount of \$169,223,322.

Sweden's population is now 5,963,762, an increase of 66,125 in 1920.

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Beauty chorus of 50 dancers, con-
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Today, "Merchant of Venice";
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Where are the Shakespeare lovers
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JACK HOLT

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TODAY

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TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS

The Stage

Horst—"Babes in the Wood".
Pantages—Shakespearean Plays.

The Screen

Capitol—"Beside the Bonny Brier
Bush."

Variety—"The Girl From God's
Country."

Dominion—"The Call of the
North."

Columbia—"Gipsy Blood."

performance fine enough, had it
amounted to nothing but Mr. Kel-
lard's own reading of the role of "The
Mad Prince of Denmark," to justify
a full house. It is much to be in-
dented that the schools and student
bodies of the city at least have not
been encouraged by their heads to
support such plays, whose appear-
ance are giving all too unfamiliar.

Mr. Kellard is a representative
and a very worthy one of the di-
nishing school of Shakespearean
actors, and he has inherited by as-
sociation and thought the traditions
of fine acting and fine speaking which
belong to it. "Hamlet" still remains
one of the much-debated characters
of "The Bard of Avon," but whether
Shakespeare intended the Prince to
be represented as mad or sane is not
for the reviewer to discuss. Mr. Kel-
lard's interpretation, however, incline
to the wavering between the two, the
madness probably more feigned than
real, in order to assist an otherwise
too gentle spirit in the fulfilment of
his duty. The analysis of the charac-
ter at Mr. Kellard's hands is subtle,
being less a progressive development
than a very plausible vacillation of
temper which swings between re-
solute and despair and despair and re-
solute. There are moods of rage
and anger alternating with moods of
irresolution, one of the finest of these
latter being that shown in the end
meeting with Ophelia, following the
famous soliloquy, "To be or not to
be." Here he is two things, one is
the benefit of the listening audience
behind the arras, the other in his
manner to the unconscious Ophelia.
He is too reasonable in his manner
to be mad, too obscure in his philo-
sophy to be sane.

One of the big dramatic episodes
of the play was the scene in the
Queen's chamber, where Hamlet up-
braids his mother with her disloyalty
to the memory of his father, the
late king. "Look here upon this
picture—and on this," he spoke with
the appearance of Miss O'Reilly,
acting of this whole scene was
perb, and in Miss Hamilton, as the
queen, he had quite good support.
The Ophelia scene, Miss Freda Brindley
was very young, very fine, and full
of pretty ways which made her
madness all the more heartrending.
The scene of Act IV, in made supreme-
ly touching by Miss Brindley's fine
acting.

The play will be seen again during
Mr. Kellard's stay, and no student
should miss the opportunity of hear-
ing a reading which is distinguished
by the marks of the best traditions
of the best school of fine Shakes-
pearean acting.

VARIETY A packed house at each
THEATRE performance greeted Nell
Shipman in "The Girl From God's
Country," which opened last night
at the Variety Theatre. This picture is
Miss Shipman's greatest
production. It even surpasses her
famous "Back to God's Country" and
others of its type. Beautiful snow
scenes taken in the Canadian North
woods offer the finest bit of photog-
raphy seen here in years. The little
Nell Shipman animal actors, includ-
ing Brownie, the bear, do some great
work in the North woods scenes.

DOMINION Clever interpretation of
THEATRE the role of Ned Trent, a
fearless trader of the
great Far North, beautiful natural
settings in regions where the snow
never melts, a story filled with color,
suspense and strong human emotions,
are marked features of the first Pan-
tomes picture introducing Jack Holt
as a star, which was shown at the
Dominion Theatre with considerable
success yesterday. Many will recall
the book, "Conjuror's House," by
Stewart Edward White, or the play,
"The Call of the North," by George
Broadhurst. In this picture of
novel and play one of the thrill and
suspense of the absorbing story has
been lost. Directed by Joseph Hen-
abery, such players as Madge Bellamy,
leading woman; Noah Beery, Fran-
cis McDonald and others, portray the
striking roles in the picture with ex-
cellent results. The picture is well
worth seeing.

COLUMBIA Pola Negri, the great
THEATRE Polish actress, who will
be seen on the screen
again in her latest Associated First
National vehicle, "Gipsy Blood," at
the Columbia Theatre, is "made," as
the picture-going public in
America is concerned, according to
every indication. Not only has she
been warmly acclaimed by the pub-
lic, but players of the American stage
and screen have been loud in their
praises of her. Frank Wood, manager
of the Auditorium Theatre, St. Louis,
City, Iowa, received the following un-
solicited note from Pola Negri's
commenting on her first picture:
"I am impelled to tell you how val-
uable the photoplay 'Gipsy Blood' has
been to me."

CAPITOL A sturdy Londoner, age
THEATRE ninety-two years, and a
woman of four score
and ten years, not to speak of sev-
eral septuagenarians of both sexes.

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Has an awful struggle. Lots to
do, all kinds of work, poor appetite,
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make their screen debut as players
in Donald Crisp's Paramount pro-
duction of "The Bonnie Brier Bush,"
which will be displayed at the Cap-
itol Theatre all this week. When L.
B. Leacock, the casting director of
Famous Players-Lasky British Pro-
ducers, Ltd., in London, was called
upon to find a score of more of aged
men and women to be used as Scot-
tish types in the picture, he found
himself up against a difficult propo-
sition. He wondered whether it was
possible to find men and women
old and wrinkled enough for the
parts, when it occurred to him to go
to one of the big London poorhouses
for the type demanded by the story.
Scotch music prevailed at the Capitol
this week and the management has
secured for this week Walter Beaton,
a Scotch baritone, who is one of the
best singers lately heard in West.
His rendering of "Lassie of Mine,"
and that charming old Scotch song,
"My Ain Folk," is not likely to be
soon forgotten. Another novel and
effective innovation is the playing of
the pipes by Donald Cameron, cham-
pion piper, which provides a typical
Scotch atmosphere which is extreme-
ly pleasing. The sword dance by Miss
McIntyre is also greatly admired and
applauded. These artists will all ap-
pear at the De Luxe matinee today
and at the Saturday matinee; also at
the De Luxe evening performance,
starting at 8:30. The pictures are as
usual, run continuous all day from 3
until 11.

"BABES IN THE WOOD"

IS ADMIRABLE SHOW

Clever Christmas Pantomime

Receives Enthusiastic Ap-
plause From Audience at

Royal Victoria Theatre

Christmas pantomimes, since time
immemorial, have been anticipated by
the younger generation with the great-
est delight, and it may also be added
that adults take quite as keen an in-
terest in these plays. Victoria is
therefore very fortunate in possess-
ing such splendid amateur talent
which is seen to great advantage in
"Babes in the Wood," now playing at
the Royal Victoria Theatre, under the
direction of R. N. Hincks.

Exquisite singing, graceful dances,
and a beautiful wit and humor com-
bine to give the pantomime the ar-
tistic finish to a well-balanced cast,
all of whom are members of the
Victoria Operatic and Dramatic So-
ciety. The appearance of Miss O'Reilly,
as Curly Locks, and Miss Roberta
Bacon, as the Fairy Queen, will be
sufficient guarantee of the enjoy-
ment of the evening's entertain-
ment, and Miss Hart's songs and
Miss Bacon's dances are outstand-
ing in the success of the pantomime.

"Bob" Webb and P. Frost, the for-
mer in the cause of much mirth
among the audience in songs spe-
cially written, and humorous with
local allusions, and the latter, as
Fairbairn and J. Macfarlane, respec-
tively play the parts of the Semi-wicked
Uncle and the Very Wicked Aunt.

While the who who who who who
do away with the Babes are the
parts taken by R. N. Hincks, as Solon-
ian, the bad robber, and
McClay, as Sandy, the good ro-
bber. Mrs. E. G. Aldous appears as
Prince Charming, and is very popu-
lar as the principal boy, in which
part she finds ample scope to ex-
hibit not only her histrionic art, but
also her lovely voice.

James Hunter is most imposing as
Captain Fritter, Captain of the
Prince's Forces, and W. J. Cobbe,
in the role of Alphonse, the Goat, is
one of the most excellent members
of the cast, and receives vociferous
applause at the conclusion of his part.

The scenic effects throughout the
evening are very fine and the com-
ments most worthy of comment,
while the dances are exceptionally
beautiful. Madame Valda, late of the
Paris Opera House, arranged the
dances of the Dolls, Bo-Peeps, the
Statues and Miss Bacon, and the
society is to be congratulated in hav-
ing secured so proficient an instruc-
tress. The Robins' Dance, arranged
by Mrs. E. G. Aldous, and carried out
by pupils of St. George's School, is very
dainty.

The performance will be repeated
this evening.

CONCERT AT LANGFORD

LANGFORD, Dec. 25.—A special
concert by the Metropolis Concert
Party will be given at the Langford
Hall at 8:30 on Friday next, Decem-
ber 30, followed by a dance. The
concert, under the generalship of Mr.
H. G. Pierce, will consist of songs,
humorous, sentimental and character;
perchance a recitation and will con-
clude with a laughable sketch en-
titled "Packing Up," performed by
Miss M. E. P. Ashe and Mr. W.
G. Hildred.

The artists will be: Mrs. P. Com-
ley, Mrs. H. R. Brown, Miss E. Rising
and Mrs. E. P. Ashe; also Messrs.
Rev. P. Comley, H. G. Pierce, A. D.
Ellwood, W. G. Hildred and E. P.
Ashe. Proceeds will go to the church
building fund.

COAL STOCKS IN U.S.

ASSURE GOOD SUPPLY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—There ap-
pears to be plenty of coal in sight for
everybody this winter, according to
reports printed today by The Wall
Street Journal.

The paper declares that such a
stagnant condition in the coal trade
has scarcely ever been paralleled at
the beginning of the winter season,
and reports that whole-sale and re-
tailers and the majority of retailers
are well stocked.

The latest estimates of the supply
of anthracite in the hands of op-
erators and ready for shipment place
this at 5,000,000 tons. Intimation is
given that lower prices may be ex-
pected.

Cruiser Raleigh at Vancouver
VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—H. M. S.
Raleigh came into port tonight after
a leisurely run from Victoria. The of-
ficial welcome of the city officials will
not be extended until Wednesday.

New term at Spruit-Shaw School
January 3. Day and evening classes.
See classified advt. "Educational" for
courses, and send for syllabus. New
Weller Building.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

ENTERTAINS NAVY

Admiral Pakenham and Of-

ficers Guests at Dinner and

Dance Given by Lieutenant-

Governor and Mrs. Nichol

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor
and Mrs. Nichol were hosts at a din-
ner and dance, given on Boxing
Night at Government House, in honor
of Vice-Admiral Sir William C. Pa-
kenham and officers of H.M.S. Raleigh,
the latter making a delightful fare-
well party for the naval visitors just
on the eve of their departure for
Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco,
and other ports on route for the West
Indies, via the Panama Canal.

About forty guests were present for
the dinner, the number being suppli-
mented for the dance later on, when
about 100 gathered on the ballroom
floor. These latter were welcomed by
His Honor and Mrs. Nichol, the latter
wearing a becoming gown of pale
gold broadened satin. From the draw-
ing-room, which was elegantly ar-
ranged with hothouse plants and cut
flowers, guests passed immediately
into the handsome ballroom, where
His Honor's six-piece orchestra was al-
ready playing. Festoons of ivy hung
over the flag-draped galleries, and
big palms and chrysanthemums
formed a screen for the dais where
the band sat; the sitting-out space at
the south end of the ballroom also
being very prettily arranged with
ferns and greenery. Dancing lasted
until about four o'clock in the morn-
ing, "moonlight" and "snow" effects,
attended with colored lights, being im-
mensely popular.

Supper was served shortly before
midnight in the dining-room, the
table being lighted with scarlet can-
dles in silver sconces, while the decora-
tions throughout were in the same
motif, silver and scarlet being used
for the long centrepiece, and point-
settias being arranged down the full
length of the board.

The following were the dinner
guests: Admiral Sir William Paken-
ham, Captain Bromley, Engineer-
Commander Widdow, Commander
Spencer-Cooper, Lieutenant-Comman-
der Widdow, Commander Widdow,
Ceil Ward, Lieutenant Curry-Howe,
Lieutenant Grindell, and Lieutenant
O'Callaghan, General and Mrs. Rom,
Colonel and Mrs. C. Bennett, Col-
onel and Mrs. Godville, Commander
Nixon, Major and Mrs. Goodvee, Mr.
and Mrs. W. H. Langley, Mr. and Mrs.
Ansbury, Mrs. David Doig, Mrs. Tyrell-
Godman, Mrs. Brewster, Miss O'Reilly,
Miss Peters, Miss Little, Miss McPhail,
Miss Laura Eng, Miss Dorrill,
Smith, Mr. J. M. Nichol and Mr. H.
E. Kerr.

Among those at the dance were
seen: Brigadier-General and Mrs. B.
Koon, Colonel and Mrs. C. C. Ben-
nett, Colonel and Mrs. Godville, Col-
onel and Mrs. W. S. Cookburn, Col-
onel and Mrs. P. A. Robertson, Col-
onel and Mrs. C. Worsnop, Colonel
and Mrs. E. Greer, Commander
and Mrs. C. P. Clarke, Major and Mrs.
S. P. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. J. H.
Rittet, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fort, Mr.
and Mrs. Chas. Payne, Mr. and Mrs.

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Carnival

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December 31, 1921

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bery, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird, Mr.
and Mrs. J. R. Green, Mrs. Corning,
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Matthews.

Mexican Minister Resigns
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—Rafael
Zubaran, Secretary of Industry, Com-
merce and Labor, has resigned. Presi-
dent Obregon has taken no action yet
on the resignation. Senor Zubaran's
action follows a recent attack upon
his honesty in the Chamber of
Deputies.

Rear Admiral Davis Dead
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Rear Ad-
miral Charles Henry Davis, retired,
brother-in-law of Senator Lodge, of
Massachusetts, died at his home here
today.

Are You Human?

A little baby. A little child. Don't they appeal to you? Doesn't your

heart yearn to pick them up, to cuddle them close to you, to shield them

from all harm? sure it does else you're not human. Being human you love

them. Their very helplessness makes you reach out in all your strength to aid

them. In health there's no flower so beautiful. In illness there's no sight so

black.

BOARD HOLDS BACK

TOTAL OF PURCHASES

Refuses to State Aggregate of Local Liquor Sales on Saturday, But Admits It Was Quite Satisfactory

While there was nothing forthcoming from the Liquor Board yesterday to indicate the amount taken in at the Government Liquor Store on Saturday, when the largest business by far in the history of the local store was transacted—and officials at the store refused to make any statement, as they are under strict orders to divulge no information concerning their business—it was estimated that at least from \$15,000 to \$30,000 was spent by patrons for liquor of every conceivable brand, and the total business probably ran in excess of those figures.

Reports from Vancouver would indicate that there was a tremendous demand there at the various liquor stores for the Christmas cheer which purchasers laid in to tide them over the two days during which the Government stores were closed.

At the local store the officials, who worked during the day as they never before, were on hand until late in the evening, getting things straightened out after the rush. The stocks of liquor in the Wharf Street warehouse melted away during the day and a large hole in reserve supplies will have to be filled with shipments which are now en route from the Old Country.

About twelve hundred fifty-cent permits were issued during the day, to say nothing of those possessors of the higher-priced permits who did not have to stand in line for their authority to buy, but could go straight to the counter and get what they wanted. Many purchasers took a case each, and the great bulk purchased more than one bottle of hard stuff, while beer was also in demand, though the recent rule restricting daily purchases of malt liquor to not more than two dozen pints undoubtedly curtailed the sale of that variety of cheer.

GAME BOARD INQUIRY

HOLDS SESSION TODAY

Royal Commission into the Charges Against Dr. Baker Will Hear Evidence of Mr. Pooley This Morning

A further session of the inquiry by Royal Commission into the charges made of the conduct of the Game Conservation Board by Mr. R. H. Pooley, M.P.P. for Esquimalt, on the floor of the Provincial House last session, will be held in the Court House this morning at ten o'clock, under the chairmanship of Magistrate H. C. Shaw, of Vancouver, the commissioner appointed by the Government.

The opening session of the inquiry was held here on November 25 last, and subsequent sessions, at which much evidence has been taken, have all been held in Vancouver. At the first session here it was arranged that all the members of the Game Conservation Board, including Mr. M. B. Jackson, K.C., M.P.P., and Superintendent William G. McMyrn, who have their homes in this city, should be subpoenaed to attend the inquiry. It was further declared by Mr. Donald Donaghy, counsel for Dr. Baker, that he would demand the attendance of Mr. Pooley as soon as the Legislature had adjourned.

Mr. Pooley informed The Colonist yesterday that he had been duly summoned to appear before the commission and that he would be on hand this morning. Messrs. Jackson and McMyrn, however, said that they had received no subpoena, and were in consequence unable to say whether they would be required to give evidence at the adjourned inquiry.

Mr. J. N. Ellis, K.C., is representing the Provincial Government at the inquiry. Mr. W. W. Morley appears at the opening session here on behalf of Mr. J. A. Hird, chief game warden, who was suspended from office at the same time as Dr. Baker. Mr. Morley will continue today in his watching brief for his client, of whom Commissioner Shaw said at the opening of the inquiry that he was not specifically implicated in the charges against his chief.

A HAPPY GATHERING

Thirty-Six Residents Enjoy Christmas Dinner at Aged Ladies' Home—Thank Committee

Christmas Day, Sunday, was fittingly observed at the Aged Women's Home. Thirty-six of the lady inmates were well enough to be at table in the large dining hall at midday dinner, where they partook of every procurable dainty from oyster soup to the choicest candies and sweets. The decoration throughout was charming, with garlands of bright colorings and Christmas bells, berries, holly, and even the traditional mistletoe being in evidence.

At the conclusion of the dinner Mrs. Bothwell, as a paying guest in the home, on behalf of herself and other inmates thanked the members of the committee that were present in a few well-chosen words for the many comforts they received now, while so many were needy, and finished by quoting the couplet:

"Some has meat and cannot eat, and some there is who want it; But we have meat, and we can eat, so let the Lord be thanked."

The only regrets on Sunday, when all seemed so happy, were that so many were compelled to dine in their own rooms, and several even in their beds.

The ladies of the committee present were: Madames Clay, Gould, Vincent, Wm. Grant, Whitely, Kinney and H. Grant.

New term at Spry-Rhys School January 3. Day and evening classes. See classified advt. "Educational" for courses, and send for syllabus. New Weller Building.

Separate Skirts—Lowly Priced

Every woman in need of a separate skirt will certainly be interested in these two lots of extremely good looking skirts. At the reductions they quote they are wonderful bargains:

Beautiful Separate Skirts, in pleated and gored styles, fashionable stripes and plaids; also a number of plain colors. Regular \$7.50. Values \$10.75 to \$15.00. Reduced to..... **\$7.50**

11 Only High-Grade Baronette Satin Skirts, in black, navy and colors. Regular \$13.95 and \$17.50. Reduced to..... **\$9.50**

Gordons Limited
239 Yates Street Phone 5516

Drastic Price Reductions on Women's and Children's Apparel Starting Today

Unequalled Values in Women's Winter Suits

To effect a clearance of our stock of Winter Suits we are offering them at remarkably low prices. You know the character of the suits we have been selling this season; you know that the newest styles are here. Hence all that is necessary is to point out the price reductions that have been made for the purpose of clearance.

Beautiful and Exclusive Suits, of high-grade velour and tricotine, in navy, brown, reindeer, Harding blue and black. Several are fur trimmed and all are silk lined. Sizes 16 to 40. Regular \$37.50 to \$65.00, and one each at \$69.50 and \$75.00. Reduced to..... **\$39.50**

A Few Tweed and Serge Suits in semi-tailored and novelty effects. Sizes 16 to 40. Regular \$23.50. Reduced to..... **\$23.50**

Another Group of Hand-some Suits, designed from velour, fine wool serge and wool suitings, in fashionable shades. Each suit is well tailored and lined throughout. Sizes 16 to 42. Regular \$49.50 to \$55.00. Reduced to..... **\$29.50**

A Decisive Mark Down in Fashionable Dresses

Come down to see these Dresses today. Even if it means a special trip it will be worth while, for it isn't every day that so moderate an expenditure will buy such a smart frock.

10 Only Beautiful Dresses of tricotine, serge, Canton crepe and messaline, navy only. Sizes 16 to 36. Regular \$39.75. Reduced to..... **\$23.50**

10 Only Smart Dresses, four or five black wool serge, sizes 42 and 44; five only in crepe de Chine, in shell pink and white, size 16; and one only in navy satin, size 36. Regular \$25.00. Reduced to..... **\$13.50**

Girls' Dresses, Kilts and Middies Reduced

Girls' School Dresses, made from fine all-wool navy serge, in smart sailor style, braided trimmed on collar and cuffs, emblem on sleeves. Sizes 8 to 16 years. Regular \$15.00. Reduced to..... **\$11.98**

Regular \$10.95. Reduced to..... **\$8.98**

Regular \$10.00. Reduced to..... **\$7.98**

Regular \$9.50. Reduced to..... **\$7.49**

Regular \$7.75. Reduced to..... **\$5.98**

Girls' Kilts of navy wool serge, lined throughout and bodice attached. Ages 8 to 14 years. Regular \$5.00. Reduced to..... **\$3.98**

Girls' Middies in Balkan style, made from fine wool navy serge and navy and colored wool flannel. Ages 6 to 14 years. Regular \$5.00 to \$5.50. Reduced to..... **\$3.98**

Handsome Waists, Regular to \$10.00, to Clear at \$4.95

This affords you an opportunity to purchase a dainty Waist at an extremely low price. The lot comprises georgette, tricotine, taffeta, crepe de Chine and wash silk waists, in tailored, novelty and jumper styles. A good range of desirable shades to select from. Sizes 34 to 42. Regular to \$10.00. Reduced to..... **\$4.95**

Today's Specials

Bargains in Trefousse Fine Gloves, \$1.98 Pair

An exceptional offering of Trefousse Shelbourne and Patricia and Perin's Johnville and Belfort Pique Sewn Fine French Kid Gloves, in self, white, or white with black points; some have pearl dots. Today's value \$4.50. Today, pair..... **\$1.98**

Bargains in Underwear

Turnbull's and Watson's Wool Combinations, with V or low neck; long, elbow or no sleeves; ankle or knee length. Sizes 34 to 42. Regular \$5.00 to \$6.50. Today, suit..... **\$3.98**

Children's Pure Wool Combinations, with button-front, elbow sleeves, knee length. Sizes 4 to 14 years. Regular \$2.95 to \$4.00. Today, suit..... **\$2.49**

Four Big Specials in House Furnishings

300 Yards of Bordered Curtain Scrims, with fancy striped borders in white and cream, colored bordered scrims, also dainty all-over patterns, on white and cream grounds; 36 inches wide. Special, today, 5 yards for..... **95c**

Strong Brass Extension Rods, with curved ends, complete with brackets. Special, today, each..... **25c**

500 Pairs of Voile and Scrim Curtains, suitable for bedroom windows; 2 1/2 yards long; plain, or with set-in motifs in the corners. Special, today, pair..... **\$1.35**

500 Yards of Good Quality Crotone, in a fine assortment of designs; 30 and 36 inches wide. Special, today, per yard..... **50c**

Today—Open Until 6 P.M.



Big Sacrifice Prices on Our Entire Stock of Coats

A timely opportunity to procure a smart Winter Coat is now given in the following remarkable offerings. Our entire stock is involved, including even all our high-grade exclusive Coats. The following examples fully illustrate how prices have been lowered to make certain of quick sales.

Regular to \$35.00
Coats for... **\$19.50**

A Snap Price on Coat of Quality, developed from warm wool coatings in popular shades. Made in late season's styles and well tailored. Sizes 16 to 44. Regular values to \$35.00. Special..... **\$19.50**

Regular to \$42.50
Coats for... **\$29.50**

Here's another exceptional bargain in stylish Coats, made from fine quality velour and well lined; colors blue, reindeer and brown. Sizes 16 to 44. Regular to \$47.50. Special..... **\$29.50**

Regular to \$75.00
Coats for... **\$39.50**

High-Grade Winter Coats of superior quality velour and bolivia cloth, in up-to-date styles and good colors, well tailored and nicely lined. Sizes 16 to 40. Regular to \$75.00. Special..... **\$39.50**

A Leader in Coats at \$12.75

Values \$25.00 and Up

No Phone or C. O. D. Orders Accepted

The Coats featured are extraordinary values, and are in the season's best styles. They are well tailored, perfect fitting and lined to waist. Good shades of brown, taupe and dark green; sizes 16 to 40.

Children's Coats Half Price

They are made from fine Velour and Wool Coatings, in good shades, smart and practical styles; many are exclusive samples and are fur trimmed; well lined; ages 2 to 15 years.

Regular \$3.95, for.....	Regular \$12.00, for.....	Regular \$21.50, for.....
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Regular \$8.75, for.....	Regular \$16.50, for.....	Regular \$35.00, for.....
Regular \$9.50, for.....	Regular \$17.50, for.....	Regular \$37.50, for.....
Regular \$10.00, for.....	Regular \$18.50, for.....	Regular \$45.00, for.....
Regular \$10.75, for.....	Regular \$19.50, for.....	Regular \$47.50, for.....
Regular \$11.75, for.....	Regular \$21.00, for.....	Regular \$49.50, for.....

Clean-Up Prices on Kimonos

Women's Warm Eiderdown and Velvet Corduroy Kimonos are now offered at exceptionally low prices, which mean big savings to you.

Warm Eiderdown Kimonos in many pretty shades and designs, neat style and generous sizes. Our entire stock. Regular \$7.95 and \$8.95. Reduced to..... **\$6.98**

Attractive Velvet Corduroy Kimonos and Breakfast Coats, in several pretty self shades. Sizes 34 to 42. Regular \$7.95 to \$11.50. Reduced to..... **\$6.98**

Prices Deeply Cut on All Winter Millinery

A timely price-cutting on smart Winter Hats that enables you to buy a new hat at a large and genuine saving. You cannot afford to miss this sale.

50 Smart Ready-to-Wear Hats, in French felt, velvet and hatter's plush; also rain hats. Regular values to \$7.50. Reduced to..... **\$1.95**

300 Winter Hats of fine felt and duvetyne, in a good range of shades. Regular values to \$5.00. Reduced to..... **98c**

Splendid Savings on Corsets and Brassieres

In order to bring our stock of Corsets to a low level we have greatly reduced prices, and offer the following tempting bargains:

La Diva Corsets, a high-grade model, suitable for stout figures; low and medium bust, heavily boned; made of strong white coutil, embroidery trimmed. Sizes 25 to 36. Regular \$7.50. Reduced to..... **\$4.98**

High-Grade Maillot's Corset, with belted front and long hips; six hose supports; an ideal corset for women of full figure. Regular \$6.00 and \$6.50. Reduced to..... **\$3.98**

Well Fitting Corsets in full bust style with long skirt and four hose supports. Sizes 23 to 28. Very special at..... **\$1.98**

A High-Grade Corset for the slender figure, made of fancy pink taffeta with elastic at waist; low bust and deep hip. Sizes 22 to 26. A bargain..... **\$3.98**

A Selection of D & A Corsets, in medium bust styles, suitable for the average figure. Sizes 20 to 26. A snap..... **\$1.50**

Goddess Front-Laced Corsets, models for the average figure. Sizes 20 to 27. Made of white coutil, medium bust with long hips. Exceptional value, pair..... **\$2.98**

Women's Wool Sweaters and Jersey Cloth Coats offered at an extremely low price, a big selection of styles and colors in medium and large sizes. Values to \$12.50. To clear at..... **\$5.98**

Today's Specials

Snaps in Silk Scarves Women's Wool Golf Hose at 98c Pair

Silk Scarves, tubular style, in all wanted colors, with contrasting stripe ends. Regular \$2.98. Special, today, each..... **\$1.98**

Another Range of Silk Plain Scarves, tubular style, in all popular colors. Regular \$2.50. Special, today..... **\$1.98**

Remarkable Offering of Tweeds and Coatings

Cheviot and Tweed Suitings, all excellent qualities, in good colorings; 44 to 60 inches wide; for suits, skirts and boys' suits; all offered at less than half price. Reduced from \$3.00 and \$6.00. Special, yard..... **\$1.98**

56-Inch All-Wool Blanket Coatings, in a beautiful soft warm quality; good serviceable shades and check effects. Reduced from \$4.95 to \$7.50. Special, yard..... **\$1.98**

Warm Winter Bedding at Special Prices

Grey Wool Blankets, in an extra well woven quality, very durable wear; size 64 x 84. Reduced from \$15.75. Special, today, pair..... **\$7.59**

All-Wool White Blankets, made from long staple wool yarn, with a soft fleecy finish. Size 64 x 82. Reduced from \$22.75. Special, today, pair..... **\$11.95**

English Down Comforters Downproof Art Satteen Coverings, with panel effects; serviceable colorings; filled with the best quality of purified down; thoroughly ventilated.

DOUBLE BED SIZES
Reduced from \$24.00 to \$27.50, each..... **\$16.95**

Reduced from \$32.00 to \$42.50, each..... **\$22.95**

REACHES EMPRESS OF RUSSIA BY SEAPLANE

It Was Santa That Did It—Sent Wireless Message Ahead of Him, But None Saw Him Come

With her passengers and public rooms resplendent in Christmas decorations, the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia, Captain W. Dixon Hopcroft, R. N. R., reached port on Monday morning from the Orient. Few passengers were brought in by the vessel, the voyage reflecting the Yuletide travel depression. There was plenty of Christmas spirit aboard, however, and the voyagers of tender years were not forgotten by Santa Claus. The old gentleman came by seaplane, though none saw him arrive. This was a mystery that none could solve, but there was no doubt about it that that was the way he had come. In the first place, there was no other route for him, and, more than that, there was his wireless message telling of his departure from the Polar regions.

"I will leave my ice hut at 2:30 and fly in my airplane to the Empress of Russia," was his promise. "Owing to you distant at sea, weather conditions and number of presents for good little people, I will not arrive before 4:30 p.m. Christmas Day. From 8:30 I expect all grown-ups to join in the games and make fun for my children."

It was promptly at 4:30 that Capt. Hopcroft disappeared and Santa Claus walked into the saloon by Owl Voyage Unexceptional.

No effort was made by the big liner



MRS. DELLA KUNZE, Chicago, Ill.

"I understand now why so many people praise Tanlac as I have tried it myself and it certainly is a wonderful medicine," said Mrs. Della Kunze, 856 Lill Avenue, Chicago, valued employee of the Boston Department Store.

"I eat with so much zest and enjoyment now that my family really joke me about it. A short time ago, however, I had absolutely no appetite and was eating so little that I was losing weight and strength every day and I suffered so much from indigestion and nervousness that I was on the brink of a breakdown."

"There are absolutely no words that can express my delight at the remarkable and immediate results I obtained from Tanlac. It benefited me in every way. Instead of being depressed and melancholy and tired and worn out I am full of life and energy and cheerful and happy all the time. I've gained twelve pounds in weight, too."

Tanlac is sold in Victoria by Owl Drug Co., and by leading druggists everywhere. (Adv.)

The Cosiest Rooms in Town

with every modern convenience. Special terms by week or month.

At the Cecil

Phone 13180

Blanchard St., next Public Library

ELEMENTS UNKIND TO SCHOONER LADY MINE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Storms dismantled the Canadian auxiliary schooner Lady Mine, which put into the harbor here today in tow of a tugboat. Disabled off San Francisco, the schooner, bound from Vancouver to Ensenada, Mexico, lost its cargo, and the holds were flooded. According to Captain Carl Aul, all hands were forced to bail for five hours to keep the craft afloat while repairs were made to the storm-opened hatchway. The vessel is owned in Vancouver and is an old sailing schooner.

The steam lumber schooner Yellowstone, three days overdue, arrived from Grays Harbor to-night with cargo intact.

to make port in time to spend Christmas ashore. When two days out from the Japan coast it was known that it would be impossible to make quarantine on Sunday, more owing to the short hours of daylight than the prevailing weather conditions. The voyage, as far as wind and sea were concerned, was unexceptional, there being practically no rough weather.

The passenger list consisted of 52 first class 54 second and 308 steerage, most of the latter Chinese, with a few Filipinos and some East Indians. Owing to the Oriental weather conditions and number of presents for good little people, I will not arrive before 4:30 p.m. Christmas Day. From 8:30 I expect all grown-ups to join in the games and make fun for my children."

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FIFTY NEWFOUNDLAND SHIPS LOST IN YEAR

Year Has Taken Heavy Toll of Hardy Mariners and Vessels of Atlantic—Thirty Lives Were Lost

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 27.—Newfoundland shipping has suffered severely during the past year, and at least thirty men of the splendid coast only lost their lives at sea. Fifty vessels, mostly schooners, were wrecked, five going to the bottom with all hands. Schooners lost with this loss who manned them were: Douglas H. Adams, Percie Wells, Helen C. Moran, Passport and Jean and Mary.

The Adams left Lisbon, Portugal, for Twillingate early in the spring and has not been heard from since. She carried a crew of six men. The Wells, practically a new vessel, left New York with hard coal for St. John's three months ago, and is numbered among the missing ships. She also carried six men.

The Helen Moran left Little Bay Islands for St. Anthony on October 28, and evidently foundered in the great storm which broke over Newfoundland next day. She carried six men.

The Jean and Mary, cut adrift when the steamer Ingraham, which was towing her from St. John's to Twillingate, ran ashore on North Penguin Island the night of December 5-6, was driven on the South Penguin Island, and broken up by the heavy sea. Wreckage and bodies were washed ashore, but the bodies of the crew were not recovered.

Horseman Saves Crew

Of the forty-five vessels which were wrecked without loss of life, the majority were victims of the early winter storms, and left their crews upon their rugged native shores. Several foreign-going vessels succumbed to stress of weather in mid-Atlantic, their crews being rescued by passing steamers. One craft, the Nordica, was lost in the Mediterranean. Caught in a violent storm shortly after leaving Naples, she lost her sails, and on the eve of a wild night was driven ashore on a reef off the coast of Corsica. The boarding crew swept the boats away, and the crew were driven to the shore, where they found refuge.

It required strenuous work on the part of the fire fighters to prevent the flames reaching the oil fuel tanks, and at one time it was thought the vessel would have to be towed into the harbor.

No one was on board the vessel when the fire broke out, and her origin has not yet been ascertained.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Wireless Report

(By Government Wireless).

Dec. 27, 8 A.M.

Estevan—Overcast; calm; 29.82; 30;

smooth. Spoke 88, Richmond for Port-

land, 110 miles from Seattle. Spoke

Spoke J. A. Moffat for Port Wells, 40

miles south Port Wells. Spoke Lieber

for Seattle, 110 miles from Seattle.

Spoke San Allen for Victoria, 42 miles

south Columbia River. Spoke Admiral

Goodrich for Seattle, 94 miles from

San Francisco. Spoke Liberator for San

Pedro, 180 miles from San Pedro. Spoke

Monks for San Pedro, 292 miles from

San Francisco. Spoke Archer for Yokohama,

1,224 miles from Honolulu. Spoke Cana-

dian Traveler for Vancouver, 1,716

miles southwest Cape Flattery. Spoke

Canadian Visitor for San Francisco,

position 41,47 N., 142,94 W. Spoke

Laetitia for Portland, 588 miles from

Columbia River. Spoke Harold Dollar

for San Francisco, position 44,49 N.,

142,94 W. Spoke Empress of Japan, out-

bound, position 41,57 N., 158,44 W. Spoke

Nanking for San Francisco, 757 miles

west Honolulu.

Cape Lazo—Spoke 5 p.m., Tenyo

Maru arriving San Francisco.

Alert Bay—Spoke 10 p.m., Knoxville

City, due Port Alice 10 a.m.

6 P.M.

Katevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.82; 31;

smooth. Spoke 4:30 p.m., City of

Kane passing Flattery, Seattle for

Yokohama.

Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 30.12;

34; smooth. Spoke 4:30 p.m., Latouche

through Seymour Narrows, 1 p.m.,

south.

Ocean Falls—Clear; calm; 30.17; 38;

smooth; passed in Prince Rupert, 5 p.m.,

north.

Hull Harbor—Clear; calm; 29.90; 36;

smooth.

Dead Tree—Clear; calm; 29.96; 33;

smooth.

Princes Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.90; 31;

smooth.

Steamer Movements

RAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Arrived:

Ventura, Spiney, Admiral Evans, Port-

land.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Eastern

Merchant, Hamburg, Admiral Goodrich,

San Francisco; Lieback, San Pedro;

Anna Hanley, San Pedro; Admiral Pan-

ragut, San Diego. Sailed: Coast,

Yokohama; Manila Maru, Hongkong;

City of Spokane, Shanghai.

TACOMA, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Bay

State, Canadian, Admiral Panragut, San

Francisco; Kiba Maru, Kobe; Eion,

Vancouver. Sailed: Kankos Maru, No-

va.

CHANCELLOR LOADING

WHEAT AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Fifty-two

days out of Liverpool, the big Har-

ison Direct freighter, Chancellor,

which will have the distinction of

taking on the biggest wheat cargo so

RALEIGH LEAVES ON VISIT TO VANCOUVER

H.M.S. Raleigh, after thirteen days at Esquimalt, left for Vancouver yesterday morning for a fortnight's visit to the mainland city. According to present understanding, the vessel will be at Vancouver until January 9, proceeding then to Seattle for two days. It is expected that the Raleigh will be back at Esquimalt again for a short time before clearing southward on her return voyage to her base at Bermuda. Southbound she will call at San Francisco.

FLAMES BREAK OUT ON HOSPITAL BOAT

Christmas Day Blaze Subdued Aboard Columbia Coast Mission Ship—\$2,000 Estimated Damage

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Fire which broke out at midnight partially gutted the Columbia Coast Mission hospital boat Columbia at the Munner Iron Works dock, doing damage estimated at \$2,000.

The steamer and Mary, cut adrift when the steamer Ingraham, which was towing her from St. John's to Twillingate, ran ashore on North Penguin Island the night of December 5-6, was driven on the South Penguin Island, and broken up by the heavy sea. Wreckage and bodies were washed ashore, but the bodies of the crew were not recovered.

It required strenuous work on the part of the fire fighters to prevent the flames reaching the oil fuel tanks, and at one time it was thought the vessel would have to be towed into the harbor.

No one was on board the vessel when the fire broke out, and her origin has not yet been ascertained.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Wireless Report

(By Government Wireless).

Dec. 27, 8 A.M.

Estevan—Overcast; calm; 29.82; 30;

smooth. Spoke 88, Richmond for Port-

land, 110 miles from Seattle. Spoke

Spoke J. A. Moffat for Port Wells, 40

miles south Port Wells. Spoke Lieber

for Seattle, 110 miles from Seattle.

Spoke San Allen for Victoria, 42 miles

south Columbia River. Spoke Admiral

Goodrich for Seattle, 94 miles from

San Francisco. Spoke Liberator for San

Pedro, 180 miles from San Pedro. Spoke

Monks for San Pedro, 292 miles from

San Francisco. Spoke Archer for Yokohama,

1,224 miles from Honolulu. Spoke Cana-

dian Traveler for Vancouver, 1,716

miles southwest Cape Flattery. Spoke

Canadian Visitor for San Francisco,

position 41,47 N., 142,94 W. Spoke

Laetitia for Portland, 588 miles from

Columbia River. Spoke Harold Dollar

for San Francisco, position 44,49 N.,

142,94 W. Spoke Empress of Japan, out-

bound, position 41,57 N., 158,44 W. Spoke

Nanking for San Francisco, 757 miles

west Honolulu.

Cape Lazo—Spoke 5 p.m., Tenyo

Maru arriving San Francisco.

Alert Bay—Spoke 10 p.m., Knoxville

City, due Port Alice 10 a.m.

6 P.M.

Katevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.82; 31;

smooth. Spoke 4:30 p.m., City of

Kane passing Flattery, Seattle for

Yokohama.

Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 30.12;

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See window display.

—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor—Phone 1010



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Strap Pumps, in silver or cloth of gold, at..... \$12.90
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In Large Variety

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Three Special Blouse Bargains Today at \$1.98 Each

Voile, Silk and Flannelette Blouses, in neat styles, and well made from the best grade materials. The values are extraordinary at, each..... \$1.98

—1st Floor

Women's Fleece-Lined Bloomers at 75c

A New Shipment of Women's Extra Heavy Fleece-Lined Grey Bloomers, elastic at waist and knee; sizes 36 to 44. Very suitable for cold weather. Special at, a pair..... 75c

—Knitwear, 1st Floor—Phone 6899

Babies' Nightgowns and Barracoats of Flannelette

Babies' Nightgowns of Soft White Flannelette, tucked yokes and neck and sleeves trimmed with narrow lace edging. Special at..... 75c

Babies' Barracoats of White Flannelette. Special at, each, 50c, 75c and..... \$1.00

—Infants', 1st Floor—Phone 1194

News From the Corset Department for Today

A Special C/C La Grace Corset of white coutil, elastic top, free hip and four hose supporters. On sale today at \$1.98

A Brassiere for the stout woman of heavy Lyke linen, with hooks in front and neatly trimmed. Sizes 40 to 54. On sale today at..... \$1.75

—Corsets, 1st Floor—Phone 1194

Women's Flannelette Nightgowns at 98c Bloomers at 75c

Women's Nightgowns of fine quality flannelette, slip-over style, short sleeves and trimmed with blue and fancy stitching. Special at, each..... 98c

Women's Bloomers of white and striped flannelette, of excellent quality; all sizes. Special at, a pair..... 75c

—Whitewear, 1st Floor—Phone 1194

Perfumes at Special Sale Prices

Perfumes, in fancy boxes and all odors, will be cleared at special reductions.

35c values for..... 25c
50c values for..... 35c
65c values for..... 45c
75c values for..... 55c
\$1.00 values for..... 75c

—Perfumery Dept.

Cuticura Soap

Special Sale, 75c box of 3 cakes for..... 57c
Only delivered with other goods.

—Toilet Articles Dept., Main Floor

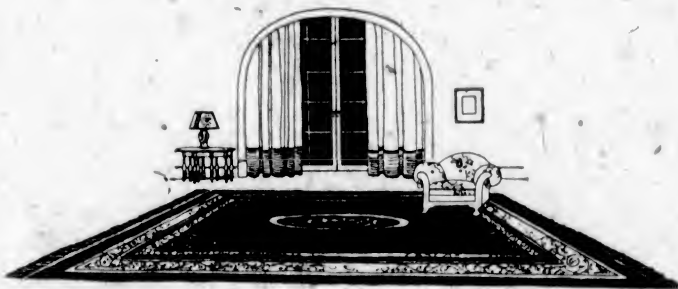
A Sale of Silk

REMNANTS

The Aftermath of Our December Silk Sale All Remnants at Half Price

As usual after our December Silk Sale we have many Remnants that must be disposed of; so, in order to clear them off quickly, we are offering the entire accumulation at just half price. There are Remnants of Messalines, Satins, Jap Silk, Velvet, Veltreen and other fine fabrics. Wonderful values at just half price.

—Silks, Main Floor—Phone 3282



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Wilton Rugs, now much lower in price, are shown in our stocks in large assortment. All the regular sizes are shown and a wide range of new colorings and designs.

Rugs, 9 ft. x 12 ft. Excellent values at \$55.00 Rugs, 9 x 9 ft. Exceedingly handsome, \$42.00
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Rugs, 4 ft. 6 in. x 7 ft. 6 in.; very neat designs, at..... \$19.75

—Carpet, 2nd Floor

Inviting Values in Bed- room Furniture

Today you are offered an opportunity to purchase Beds, Mattresses and Dressers at prices exceedingly low.

White Enamel Iron Beds, with two-inch continuous posts and five one-inch fillers, sizes 4 ft. 6 in. and 3 ft. 3 in. wide. Special at..... \$14.75

Felt Mattresses made in layers and guaranteed not to lump; comfortable mattresses covered with excellent grade ticking. All sizes at..... \$8.75

Dressers in golden finish, made with three long drawers and plate mirror. Special at..... \$13.90

Dressers in white and ivory enamel, with three long drawers, and fitted with plate mirrors. Special, each, \$17.90

—Furniture, 2nd Floor

Kitchen Chairs \$1.35 Each Today

Well made Kitchen Chairs, in golden finish and strongly made, with double rungs. Only six sold to a customer. Big value at, each, \$1.35

—Furniture, 2nd Floor

Bead Necklets Selling at 25c, 50c and 75c Each

Bead Necklets in graduated links and plain shades of amethyst, amber, jet and green. Regular 50c, 75c and \$1.50 values to clear at, each, 25c, 50c and..... 75c

—Jewelry, Main Floor

Heavy Printed and Genuine Inlaid Linoleum at Low Prices

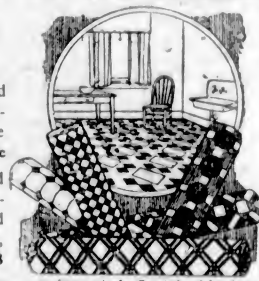
Printed Well Seasoned Linoleum, in good designs, at, a square yard..... 95c

Canadian Made Printed Linoleum, shown in excellent designs and printed on a cork base, at, square yard, \$1.08

Nairn's Printed Linoleum, an imported Scotch Linoleum, world renowned for quality, now only..... \$1.25

Inlaid Linoleum, including such well known makes as Greenlich, Barry's, Nairn's, at the following low prices, a square yard, \$2.95, \$2.35 and..... \$2.00

—Linoleum, 2nd Floor—Phone 1441



Groceteria Daily Bulletin

Local Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. tin for..... 89c	Macoonchee's Pan Yan Pickles, per bottle..... 33c
Spratt's Dog Biscuits, 5-lb. sack for..... 80c	Macoonchee's Pan Yan Sauce, bottle..... 32c
Fruit Wines, per bottle..... 43c	Spanish Table Raisins—
Ginger Wine, 25c bottles for..... 18c	45c package..... 37c
Preserved Ginger, per lb..... 26c	55c package..... 46c
Spencer's Jelly Powders, per package..... 9c	70c package..... 55c
Toilet Rolls, each..... 4c	Wedding Breakfast Coffee, per tin..... 50c
King Oscar Sardines, tin, 19c	Snowflake Pastry Flour, 10-lb. sack..... 42c
Acme Laundry Starch, pkg., 10c	Roller Oats, 7 lbs..... 27c
New Walnuts, per lb..... 17c	Shredded Wheat Biscuits, per package..... 12c
Fels Naptha Soap, bar..... 9c	—Provisions, Lower Main Floor
Australian Rabbit, 2-lb. net tins for..... 39c	

Provision Counter Bulletin

Smoked Picnic Hams at, lb., 19c	Nuoca at, pkt..... 35c
Choice Side Bacon, in the piece, lb..... 32c	English Stilton Cheese at, per lb..... \$1.10
Unsmoked Cottage Rolls, at, lb..... 23c	Ontario Cheese, at, lb..... 26c
Spencer's Prime Butter, at, lb., 44c; or 3 lbs. for..... \$1.29	B. C. Fresh Eggs, at, doz..... 65c
	Headcheese, at, lb..... 18c
	Saur Kraut, at, lb..... 15c

Fresh Meats

Cash and Carry, as Cut in Cases

Lean Beef, at, lb..... 9c	T-Bone Steak, at, a lb..... 27c
Plate Boneless Stewing Beef, a lb..... 12c	Round Steak at, lb., 15c and 14c
Mince Steak, at, a lb..... 11c	Sirloin Tip Steak, at, a lb., 22c
	Crushed Bone, sold with meat orders, 5 lbs. for..... 15c

Meat at Delivery Prices

Phone 2072. Two Deliveries Daily 8 A.M.—1:30 P.M.
Lamb Steaks at, a lb..... 32c
Rib Lamb Chops, at, lb., 38c
—Lower Main Floor

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